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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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PARIS CONFERENCE.

BRITAIN AND HER DOMINIONS' CLAIMS.

LONDON, April 19.

Paris reported yesterday that the British Empire delegation decided that "Britain's reparation claim against Germany will include the claims of the various Dominions and India.

Immediately Germany signs the peace treaty, a meeting of what will virtually be an Imperial Conference will be held in London for the purpose of adjusting the claims of Britain, the Dominions, and India, and for deciding the method of payment. If one or more of the Dominions prefer to accept a lump sum down from Britain, the Conference will discuss the question. Other subjects for discussion will be the method of payment of the pensions of soldiers and their dependents, and a number of questions respecting Germany's late colonies, the value of which to the mandatory states will be placed against their respective reparation claims.

A VOLUMINOUS TREATY.

LONDON, April 20.

The following figures show the tremendous work of drawing up the peace treaty. There are between 800 and 1,000 clauses. The complete text will fill 350 pages. The clauses referring to the disarmament of Germany alone number 100. There are also 100 clauses relating to the Sarre basin.

THE EGYPTIAN DISORDER.

FOMENTED BY TURKS.

LONDON, April 17.

With regard to the anti-Armenian attacks in Egypt it is pointed out that there never has been any anti-Armenian feeling on the part of the Egyptians. It seems clear that the movement was inspired by the Turkish committee of the "Union of Progress." There is also reason to believe that the Bedawin who participated in the recent outrages were paid by some organisation.

LONDON, April 18.

The chief leaders in the recent riots were courtmartialled and sentenced variously, from fifteen months to three years imprisonment.

GERMAN DOINGS.

LONDON, April 17.

Copenhagen learns from Magdeburg that General Moerker, commanding the government troops, refused the request of the Brunswick government to keep back his troops. He says he was ordered to depose the government, to demand the disarming of the population and the disbandment of the national guard.

LONDON, April 17.

A proclamation removing the late government is announced, together with the impending arrest of the premier and several of the people's commissaries.

Herr Eichhorn, ex-police president at Berlin, tried to escape in an aeroplane. He was brought down and arrested by another aeroplane.

A proclamation gives Herr Ebert's decision to declare Brunswick in a state of siege.

THE BOLSHEVIST WAR.

ALLIES SURRENDER SEVASTOPOL.

LONDON, April 18.

Le Matin states that the Bolsheviks hold the entire Crimea, and that they entered Sevastopol without resistance by agreement with the Allies. Negotiations are progressing. The Bolsheviks declare they are only warring against the Russian Volunteer forces. There has been no firing and no bloodshed hitherto. The evacuation of Sevastopol is being carried out with all haste. The Allies unfortunately lack ships, most of their vessels being at Salonika laden with the stores evacuated from Odessa.

TROOPS IN INDIA

WILLING TO CARRY ON.

LONDON, April 17.

Reuter learns that the soldiers awaiting embarkation to the United Kingdom, including the details from Mesopotamia, have volunteered to remain in India in view of the present situation there. As soon as circumstances permit and shipping is available, the men will be sent Home.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

TROOP TRAIN DISASTER IN FRANCE.

LONDON, April 18.

Paris reports that two troop trains respectively carrying French and Americans collided. Twenty were killed and 45 injured.

OUR G.O.C. IN GERMANY.

LONDON, April 18.

General Robertson has left for Cologne to assume command of the army of occupation. Marshal Haig bade him farewell at the station.

AMERICAN RADIOGRAMS.

ADDITIONAL CHINESE DELEGATE.

CHICAGO, April 22.

Wang Chang-wei, *en route* to the Paris Peace Conference, arrived at Chicago on Sunday.—*American Wireless.*

COUNCIL OF FOUR.

PARIS, April 22.

There was a sitting of the Council of Four on Sunday evening, presided over by President Wilson, as the result of Mr. Lloyd George's determination to return to London on Monday.—*American Wireless.*

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL RETRIBUTION.

PARIS, April 22.

Germany under the Peace Treaty must pay five billion dollars cash or its equivalent in commodities before May 1, 1921.

Germany must also issue immediately to the Allied and Associated Governments 20 billion interest-bearing bonds, the rate of interest on the bonds until 1926 to be either two or three per cent. and after that date [illegible] per cent., [illegible] to the present plans.

The bonds are to be repayable in instalments within a period of 15 years. Probably there will be such control by a Central Commission of the Allied and Associated Governments so that the bonds cannot be marketed in quantities sufficient to break the price.

Germany must pay other amounts for damage done approximate to her means, to be determined as the maximum by the Commission on Reparation of the Allied Governments and of Germany, which shall report before May 1, 1921.—*American Wireless.*

FOOD RELIEF.

PARIS, April, 22.

Mr. Hoover, Director-General of Relief, reviewed the measures carried out in March by the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy, and co-ordinated with the Economic Council. He announced that supplies were distributed in March approximating $95,000,000, of which all but $2,500,000 were furnished on the deferred payment system, the amount totalling 388,041 tons—*American Wireless.*

"VICTORY ARMADA."

NEW YORK, April 22.

The Atlantic Fleet, comprising ships whose tonnage formed the greater part of the "Victory Armada," steamed into New York harbour on Monday morning to give 30,000 sailors and marines an hour ashore.

With its arrival the greatest assemblage of ships ever sent to one port was consituted, the total being 103 vessels on the road at anchor in the north river.

Admiral Henry Mayo Commander of 13 super-dreadnoughts, sent his fighting fleet, which was preceded by 50 destroyers.—*American Wireless.*

LIBERTY VICTORY LOAN.

WASHINGTON, April 22.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Glass, in the Metropolitan Opera House, on Sunday, announced the terms of the Fifth Liberty Victory Loan.

Mr. Glass said that although the other issues of Government securities for finance relating to the war were expended, they were not floating a popular campaign. The amount of the Fifth Loan will be $4,500,000,000, and over-subscriptions will be rejected. Interest will be at the rate of 4¼ per cent., with maturity at four years, the Treasury reserving the privilege of redeeming the bonds in three years. Three and three-quarter per cent. notes will be issued later, which may also be converted subsequently into the 4¼ per cent. issue.—*American Wireless.*

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

THE INDIAN TROUBLE.

London, April 16th.

The Press Bureau states:—Amritsar and Lahore are quiet. Twelve important arrests have been made. Open rebellion exists in the districts between these places. The military are taking action.

Bombay and Ahmedabad are also quiet.

SEVERAL BUILDINGS DESTROYED

A serious disturbance has occurred at Virangam. Several buildings have been destroyed.

The rioters losses at Ahmedabad are heavy.

Business is suspended.

AT CALCUTTA.

At Calcutta, on April 12th, the mob became violent. The military were called out. The mob stoned the picket, who fired on the crowd, killing six and wounding twelve.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

OPIUM CONVENTION.

London, April 22nd.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Jameson, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that the British Peace Delegation had submitted a proposal that all the Powers represented at the Peace Conference should combine to take steps to enforce the Opium Convention of 1912, and that the peace terms should provide for imposing on the enemy States the obligation of speedily ratifying the Convention, and enacting necessary legislation.

The British delegates further suggested that the League of Nations be entrusted with the duty of supervising, and carrying out, the terms of the Convention, as well as the traffic in opium and other noxious drugs.

PARIS, April 17th.

Mr. Lloyd George arrived in Paris this evening.

COPENHAGEN, April 18th.

Herr Mueller, the German Minister of Marine, is ill. He will be replaced by Herr Leinert, President of the Prussian National Assembly, as one of the six leading Peace Delegates.

RUSSIAN ROYALTIES SAFE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 16th.

The Dowager Empress of Russia, Grand Duke Nicholas and other members of the Imperial Family arrived at Prinkipo from Yalta aboard the British warship *Marlborough*. The Dowager Empress shortly proceeds to England *en route* to Copenhagen.

A number of British and other Allied subjects and many Russians were taken from Yalta in British vessels.

GERMAN DOINGS.

COPENHAGEN, April 18th.

A message from Libau states that the German Landwehr has been overthrown, the Provisional Lett Government surprising and disarming the Lett reserve troops.

The town has been converted into an armed camp.

The leader of the movement, Baron Manteuffel, is in Courland.

The Germans falsely allege that the British support the movement.

The Lett Premier is safe at Libau and is collaborating with the British Mission.

British warships have entered Libau harbour.

COPENHAGEN, April 18th.

A message from Berlin states that Government troops advancing from Helmstedt entered Brunswick amidst the cheers of the populace. No incident of note occurred.

BOLSHEVIST WAR.

STOCKHOLM, April 17th.

A message from Libau states that terrible news has been received from Riga indicating a speedy and systematic annihilation of all bourgeoisie there, 70,000 of whom, including women and children, were taken inland by river, without food and without money.

OMSK, April 17th.

Admiral Koltchak has captured Stillitamak, thereby rendering the Bolshevik position critical on the Orenburg front, and cutting off the entire Bolshevik rear.

PARIS, April 17th.

The Allies have decided against the Nansen scheme for re-provisioning Russia, holding that the result will only consolilate the present Bolshevist Government.

TRANSATLANTIC FLYING.

ST. JOHN (Newfoundland), April 17.

The storm is over, and fine weather prevails.

The airmen might possibly be tempted to make a flight in the afternoon.

IMPERIAL SUGAR PREFERENCE.

LONDON, April 22nd.

A deputation, representing the Dominions and Crown Colonies and the Beet-sugar Industries in England and Canada, waited on Colonel Amery at the Colonial Office and submitted their views regarding preference to British Empire sugar, all over the world, to the Allies, over neutrals, and to neutrals, over enemy countries.

The deputation also suggested the prohibition of the import of sugar from enemy countries for five years after the war.

The *Morning Post* understands that Colonel Amery's reply satisfied the deputation.

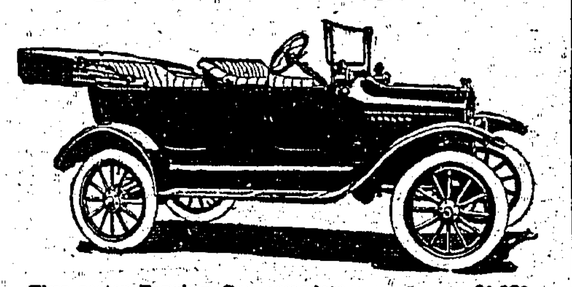
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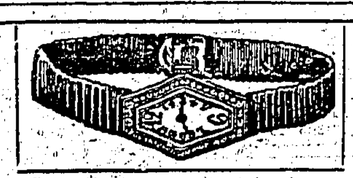
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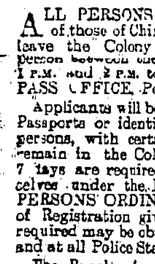
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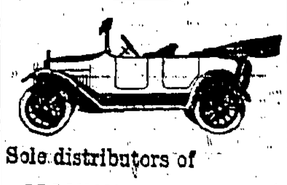
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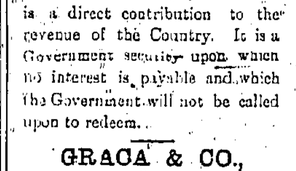
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JUDGE RENTOUL'S FUTURE.

The retiring criticism of Judge Rentoul by Appeal Court judges recently was to be considered by the City Corporation on March 6.

Mr. Bilnsley Harper will propose that the attention of the Lord Chancellor be directed to the criticism, and that in the interests of justice his lordship be requested not to include the name of Judge Rentoul in future commissions for the trial of cases at the Central Criminal Court.

A PASTOR'S WAR BONUS.

Strong condemnation of the inadequate stipends paid to some Nonconformist ministers was expressed at a conference of Midland Congregational pastors, at Nottingham on March 4.

A minister said that the war bonus in his case was not sufficient to cover his milk bill. He knew of a minister who, if it had not been for friendly help, would have been without fire in his house last winter.

GREAT HISTORICAL PARALLELS.

The *Corriere della Sera*, the most important Italian journal, commenting on the League of Nations, declares the abolition of slavery, the proclamation of religious liberty, and the abolition of caste privileges to be the historical parallels to the event of February 14, which surpasses in importance the negation of August 1, 1914:—

"That which died then will not rise again. Europe is neither politically nor morally self-sufficing. It imports and exports ideas and merchandise. *Closed systems are no longer possible. The Monroe Doctrine everywhere collapses. None can any longer act on his own account. Every egoism is sheer loss.*"

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"This is a case of the susceptible naval man, who met a too attractive young woman who made the running and induced him to marry her."

This was counsel's defence at the Old Bailey in the case of William N. Smith, a naval artificer, who pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy.

"It was the woman who fascinated him and induced him to marry her," continued counsel. "She got the license and paid all expenses. She sent him many letters of an affectionate character, and was very insistent that he should marry her. And she wanted a secret marriage, thinking it would be a romantic thing."

In passing sentence of 12 months' imprisonment in the second division, the Common Sergeant said he could not find a redeeming feature in the case.

BRITISH DAILY IN COLOGNE.

Arrangements have been made by the Army for the publication of a British daily newspaper in Cologne, says a Y.M.C.A. bulletin from the Rhine.

The paper will contain the latest telegrams and wireless news, and will also give local information of every description of interest to the troops. The price will be 20 pfennigs (about 2½d. nominally).

4d. FOR FOREIGN LETTERS.

The International Bureau at Berne of the Universal Postal Union has taken the initiative in proposing a general increase in the tax on letters, &c. The postage on letters for abroad is to be 4d. instead of 2½d., and postcards are to be charged 1½d. instead of 1d.

It is probable that all the nations concerned will accede to the proposal.—Exchange.

LABOUR UNREST IN PAHANG.

The Pahang correspondent of the *Malay Mail* writes:—There is considerable unrest among the coolies in Pahang owing to the facts that in some Government Departments coolies are supplied with rice at a cheaper price than those who work for other departments which do not issue rice can purchase it for themselves, and that on some estates rice is issued to them at a lower price than on others.

RUBBER ISSUES HIGHER.

The favourable movement in London in rubber shares is much more pronounced, for recently all the representative shares closed higher, and in one or two cases the advance was appreciable. Rubber Trust were better again at 32s., Linggi rose to 29s., Anglo-Dutch 39s. 6d., and Kuala Lumbrosa 29s. 6d. There were advances of 1s. or more in Johore Rubber Lands, Kepitigalla, Lok Kawie, and Java Amalgamated, while Dinsinga moved up to 29s., and many others were from 3d. to 1s. 3d. better.

A READABLE DESPATCH.

It was remarked of Lord Jellicoe in *Truth* that he does not shine with his pen. No one who has read the Zeebrugge despatches will say the same thing of Sir Roger Keyes. His narrative is in every way worthy of the occasion and of the position it must hold in the national archives as the one authoritative record of an heroic adventure at which no reporters were present. It may not tell the man in the street much more than he vaguely knew before; but it supplies much new and interesting detail to those who can understand it, and tells the whole story in a way that the dullest can hardly read unmoved.

NOT IN OUR OFFICE.

Clerk (to employer): No, sir, I don't think there's anything unreasonable in my asking for an increase of salary. You may remember you promised me a rise when I had been with you a year."

Employer: "I know I did; but hang it all, didn't I make it conditional upon your giving me every satisfaction?"

Clerk: I hope I have, sir.

Employer (furiously): "Satisfaction, indeed! D'you call bothering me for more wages giving me every satisfaction, eh?"

BILLIARD BUNKUM.

"Yes," said Mr. Yard, as he proudly regarded his six-year-old son and heir cutting up a piece of cloth, "I think young William is destined to be a great billiard player."

"Why so?" inquired the visitor.

"Well, to begin with, his favourite letter is a 'q.' Give him a piece of chalk, and he'll go about chalking 'q's' all over the place. Again, his favourite toy is a cannon—a 'nursery cannon,' of course."

"Remarkable!" commented the visitor.

"The other day," continued Mr. Yard, "his uncle took out a handful of money, and selecting a sovereign and a shilling, placed them on the table. Then he asked Will which he'd rather have—the red coin or the white."

"Of course, he said the red," anticipated the listener.

"Well, no. What he did was to pocket both the red and the white, and ask for the rest!"

BOOMERANG TO AEROPLANE.

Captain G. P. Thomson, delivering the first of two lectures on "The Development of Aeroplanes in the Great War," at the Royal Institution on Feb. 18, said the fundamental principle of the aeroplane was very old and very simple, and was put to practical use a long time ago by one of the most primitive of savage races—the Australian aborigines. The Australian boomerang was in essence an aeroplane. It depended for its success essentially on overcoming gravity by the motion of an inclined plane in the air. Any surface, more or less flat, would tend to "lift" if moved through the air at an angle to its plane, and the force so produced would support its weight if the motion be rapid enough. But a completely flat surface was not the most effective; a slight concavity or "camber," as it was technically termed, would increase the effect. The Australian native discovered this fact, and, what was still more remarkable, used a shape which was not very dissimilar from the latest aeroplane section.

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THE

Valuable Household Furniture,

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Comprising :—

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Also

Piano by Robinson Piano Co. (good condition), Electric fittings, Boiler, Pot Plants, Stone Roller and one lady's side saddle.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view day of sale.

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Hongkong, April 10, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the CHINESE GOVERNMENT SALT REVENUE DEPT. to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

April 25, 1919, at 12 noon, at Yaumati, Break Water,

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), on

SATURDAY,

April 26, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

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(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

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Hongkong, April 19, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), ON

MONDAY,

April 28, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 26B NATHAN ROAD), Kowloon. (Top Floor),

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Valuable Household Furniture,

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therein contained.

comprising :—

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Also

Enamelled Bath and Lavatory Basin, 1 pair large Bronze Candelabrum, Sunblinds, &c.

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On view day of sale.

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Hongkong, April 19, 1919.

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Hongkong, March 25, 1919.

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Hongkong, April 12, 1919.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
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CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "MENTOR,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after April 22.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after April 28, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before May 12, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 22, 1919.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "TENYO MARU,"

Steamer arrived from San Francisco, Honolulu, Japan Ports and Shanghai, Monday, April 21st.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to present their bills of lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage charges will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered on and after, Monday, April 28th.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined, on Monday, April 28th, 10 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or godown and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

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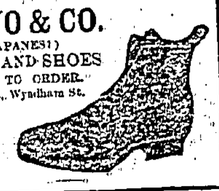
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Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on April 22, 1919.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after April 23, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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WHAT BRITAIN'S NEW GIANT TRIPLANE WILL DO.

Britain's super-triplane, the largest aeroplane in the world, a *Daily Chronicle* correspondent understands, will shortly be ready for its trial flights. This machine, evolved by Mr. W. G. Tarrant, of Byfleet, and Captain P. T. Rawlings, D.S.C., will be fitted with six Napier "Lion engines," giving a total horse power of 3,000.

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SOAP CASE SETTLED.

LORD LEVERHULME TAKES "THE STRAIGHTFORWARD COURSE."

The dispute between Messrs. Lever, the great soap firm, and Messrs. Brunner Mond and Co. with regard to controlling interests in Messrs. Crosfield and Messrs. Gossage, was settled recently in the King's Bench.

Sir John Simon, for the plaintiffs, said that Lord Leverhulme wished to take the straightforward course of saying that if it was thought the action was premature he would withdraw it and bear the costs.

Mr. Justice Bailhache said he had come to the conclusion that it would be impossible for him to give the declaration asked for by Lord Leverhulme.

Lord Leverhulme, the chairman of Messrs. Lever, had previously given evidence. Questioned in regard to clauses in the agreement relative to trade processes, he observed that associated companies did not destroy the individuality of an article, but maintained it, and economy of production must be one of the aims of association. He could not see why there should not be an exchange of information that would result in economy.

Mr. Justice Bailhache: We have heard a great deal from Lord Leverhulme about economy of production; I should like to see an economy of prices myself. If he could tell us anything about that I should be interested. (Laughter.)

WILSON AND SINN FEINERS.

The Dublin correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News* reports that the Sinn Feiners are irritated with President Wilson because he has not advocated "Ireland's cause" at the Peace Conference. Irish newspapers which lauded Dr. Wilson formerly are now attacking him.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship "YATSHING,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at noon, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, April 19, 1919.

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The China Mail.
"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1919.

THE UNDIGNIFIED DEAD.

It is really difficult to see what advantage there can be in being dead, if Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir A. Conan Doyle are to be taken seriously. The most comforting words in the Bible to some of us are those which say that in the grave there is no remembrance of former things. The ingenious author of "Sherlock Holmes" does not allow us to rest there. He insists upon our getting up—using a "medium" as a "knocker-up"—to show him and his friends how the Davenport Brothers did their tricks, the while he and his friends sit in the dark, hold hands, and sing hymns. Is this fair to us? We have done our little bit on life's treadmill, made the usual fools of ourselves, and would fain now be dignified and calm in masterly inactivity. Here is indeed death's sting, and here the grave's victory, if we have to throw tambourines and other toys about, merely to tickle the sickly vanity of people like that.

It was to be expected that the author of "Sherlock Holmes" would see to the convincing details when he decided to have a "seance." He took about 19 other people with him, including his wife, the Chief Constable, and the Deputy Chief Constable. "Dr. Watson" was probably there in the spirit, as we have such a sympathetic and thrilling report of the affair. The "medium" was Tom Thomas, a Merthyr coal-miner, who was assisted by his brother. Perhaps we shouldn't say "assisted." Doyle doesn't. The "medium" was "accompanied" by his brother. There was a curtain, screening off a corner of the room. Behind this were put the tambourine, some rattles, and other toys. "The medium was roped very securely to a chair by the chief constable, helped by the superintendent." No collusion, you see. Nothing is said about roping the medium's brother, by the way. It would have appeared so meanly suspicious to do that, perhaps. Or maybe they overlooked it. These "scientific investigators" overlook a lot. The lights were turned down. No, you're wrong there. It isn't that the spirits are afraid of the light, as children are of the dark. There is a reason for it. Let Sir A. Conan Doyle explain. He does it so nicely.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle said in his description of the happenings that the medium and his brother "insisted on being thoroughly searched before the phenomena appeared. We went over all their clothes and took their boots off.

"The lights were turned down in order to obtain the proper conditions, because ether transmits light and is also the source of all psychic phenomena. We sang some hymns, and the whole proceedings were conducted in a religious spirit.

"I was sitting next to the medium's brother, and Lady Doyle was next to me. Presently things began falling about, such as small rattles. People were struck with the various objects which had been placed twenty to thirty feet from where the medium was sitting."

"The chief constable said he had been touched several times, and once a hand grasped his hand and the lady's hand he was holding. All in the room were holding hands. The chief constable said the touch was like that of a human hand."

Isn't it, as dear Charles Bertram used to say, isn't it wonderful? That Chief Constable was a good judge. The *China Mail* is willing (if the anti-gambling ordinance can be suspended *pro tem*) to bet that the touch *was* "like that of a human hand," unless the medium's brother happens to be an armless wonder. In which case the *China Mail* has another guess coming.

O, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.

And heigh for the rattling tambourine
That flies through the air at will.

The householder of the place where all this childish hocus-pocus occurred also adds his testimony. He says:

"There was a dim light, although it was too dark to see the articles actually coming over the curtain. The tambourine fell in the chief constable's lap and the whatnot came across the room. I was sitting next to Lady Conan Doyle and asked in a whisper if she felt all right.

"'I am very cold,' she whispered in reply.

"'I do not think that the medium could have heard, but he asked:

"'Is Lady Conan Doyle cold?'

"'Yes, I am chilly,' she replied.

"'Well,' he said, 'I will send over something to warm you.'

"And in a few moments his coat fell in her lap. When the light was turned up he was still roped to the chair just as he had been at the start but was without his coat."

That proves it. That is certainly a convincing proof. Do not suppose we are merely scoffing. We admit that we are convinced that we regard that as proof, but what it proves we would rather not say outright. It might seem unkind.

Fools and simpletons have been "haunted" by ghosts. Now, to use a happy image, the tables are turned. The ghosts are being haunted by—er—well, by distinguished authors of detective stories, Chief Constables, and so on. Just you wait till *we* are dead. We'll show 'em. If they wake us up merely in order to set us to work throwing tambourines about, our tambourine will not fall into anybody's lap. No. It will descend, with impetus, on a softer part—that part which is habitually carried by them above their necks. As we said before, what's the use of being dead if you have to carry on afterwards in these idiotic ways?

A DIALOGUE.

The Public—We suppose you would enjoy Magistrate Lindsell's remark yesterday that Queen's Road was not made for automobile traffic, and that you will gloat over the conviction of one of your *betes noirs*.

The *China Mail*—Supposition is your special weakness. Besides, in this case you are not *supposing*: you are inferring, and your inference is wrong. We hail the magisterial remark as quite sound, but we deplore the conviction, and regard it as a miscarriage of justice.

The Public—Really?

The *China Mail*—Yes. We have had a look at the place where George Grimble's car was standing, and curiously enough another car was standing there to help our investigation. Its near wheels were six inches clear of the drain, yet there was no obstruction. That happens to be a wide part of Queen's Road. As ricshas stand along there habitually, and presumably lawfully, it is obvious that to the extent of the width of a ricsha the Grimble machine was void of offence. The balance was quite inconsiderable, and would not have been noticed except by some officer anxious for a "a case." This the magistrate did not fail to note, and he imposed no penalty for obstruction.

The Public—Then where is the miscarriage of justice? You are inconsistent.

The *China Mail*—You mean that the magistrate was. If the obstruction was inconsiderable, the policeman's order was unreasonable, and the chauffeur's disobedience of it no great offence. The Automobile Association really ought to take up the case, and appeal it.

The Public—How odd to find you on the side of the automobilist!

The *China Mail*—How impertinent of you to say that. Your remark implies that the *China Mail* is capable of unreasoning prejudice. Besides, if it comes to that, the automobile was at a standstill, wasn't it?

The Public—What of it?

The *China Mail*—We never said there was anything dangerous about standing cars. The more they stand the more we like 'em. It is the whizzing ones that we dislike—the Juggernauts.

THE DAY.

This is St. George's Day. Saints are out of fashion, and the Cruelty to Animals people wouldn't have approved of George Saint's treatment of poor dumb dragons anyway. When we say it is St. George's Day we mean it is the one day in the year when we Englishmen have right and licence to feel proud that we *are* English, and to brag a little about it—a thing we otherwise never (or hardly ever) do.

In spite of all persuasion
To belong to another nation
we insist to-day upon being English and upon thinking of all the great Englishmen of our glorious history. Without denying that the other "lesser breeds" (Kipling's phrase: not ours) have had their heroes, we must be excused for pointing out (for this day only) that without its Englishmen history would be a less glorious study than it is. Geography, but for Englishmen, might be mastered in one lesson. Philosophy—well, we don't shine pre-eminently there, but what's the use of philosophy, anyhow? In high adventure the Englishman surely takes the palm. He had to sieze the rule before he could rule the seas, and sieze it and hold it he did and does. Of course, civilization *is* advancing, albeit slowly, and in these days the truly civilized and enlightened man has to be what Kipling disrespectfully called a "cosmopolouse." This doesn't prevent an English gentleman from honouring this day, however, since it is the plainest of commonsense that in order to love mankind a beginning must be made. An apprenticeship must be served. To appreciate God's jolly world one must first like one particular bit of it. Where is there a land that for scenery can hold a candle to England? The lakes of Japan are lovely. The Rockies of America are fine. The mountains of Switzerland are grand. The charms of all the world's show places are charming. Your Trossachs and your Killarneys have their undoubted points. Well, all of these may be found in England, our England, blended into singular beauty. Whether it is the Lakeland of Cumberland, (God's own masterpiece), the West Country (glorious Devon and Dorset dear), sweet Sussex, happy Hampshire, bracing Norfolk, wild Berkshire, the wolds of Yorkshire or the lanes of Kent, no matter what bit attracts you, it is England, the beautiful land of the English, from which we only go away because we have the English roving spirit, and to which we all of us intend one day to return. Gentlemen, English Gentlemen (salt of the earth, though we say it ourselves who should not) your glasses this evening, please. They should be filled with English ale were it possible, but whatever the beverage, toss it off tonight "to England and the English." This is Our Day.

WHAT'LL YOU HAVE?

We are not seriously afraid that the teetotallers—not the reasonable Temperance Party, but the Society for Making Virtue Unpleasant—will be able to punish us for inviting Englishmen to drink to-day. Hongkong isn't like America. The game of "Wattle" (see heading) is still popular here, and there is no danger of our going dry. Perhaps it is just as well. Has it occurred to anyone else that there may be an intimate connection between the less pleasant phenomena of Bolshevism and the abolition of *vodka*? In the United States, by the way, there isn't unanimity. The California Legislature, as was expected, has rejected the Prohibition proposal. They grow wine in that State.

Pure water is the best of drinks
That man to man can bring
But who am I that I should have
The best of everything?

That little poem suits our sentiments to a tea—even to an afternoon tea with music. And after dinner—well, let's hope we will never have to paraphrase Anacreon and utter such a heartbreaking invocation as this:

Haste thee, "boy," and hither bring
Water from a crystal spring!
Down my gullet it shall pour,
Where the red wine ran before.
Summon nymphs who're not too gay,
And at "wattle" we will play;
Bacchus, "sacked" with all his crew,
Brings no more the nightly stew
No, we've banished all that stuff
I for one had had enough
Let the Scythians get a skinful:
We have barred the booze as sinful.
Haste thee, "boy" and hither bring
Flagons from the crystal spring!

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who leaves for Home early next month with Mrs. Holyoak and their daughters, is being entertained to dinner by a party of his friends on Wednesday, April 30.

Messrs A. L. Anderson and Co., Shanghai, report a mad gamble in Cottons, where industriously circulated rumours of "shorts" in Kung Yiks having been cornered for June drove these shares from 23½ to 35. Similar whispers have been employed to raise Yangtszepoos from 10,60 to 12, and in both these shares a very large speculative business has been done for June, suggesting a query as to who will eventually carry the high-priced "baby."

The Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, C.M.G., left Ceylon for Home on April 6. The staff of the Colonial Secretary's Office bade farewell to the Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs on April 4, thanking him at the same time for all he had done for the public and clerical services and kindness shown to the staff. Mr. Stubbs was then presented with a group photograph. Mr. Stubbs thanked the clerks and hoped some of them would rise to higher posts.

A correspondent in a home paper writes:—Talking of rats and "the little things they do" carries me back to something which occurred in Hongkong in 1903—when bubonic and pneumonic plague were both raging and when the price of a few "cash" was put on the head of each dead and duly identified Hongkong rat. For months the corpses flowed in, until one night the Governor, who at that time was Sir Henry Blake, sent for six live rats for purposes of observation. Days passed, and nothing happened. Then the truth came out. Dead rats by thousands had been shipped in junks from Canton, Wuchow, and other parts of China. The heathen Chinese is a wonderful business man!

In celebration of St. George's Day, the Committee of the Hongkong Society is entertaining the soldiers and sailors at the Victoria Theatre to-day. One batch will be entertained at 2.15 p.m and another at 9 p.m. Besides the cinematograph show, several well-known Hongkong amateurs have promised to sing. Refreshments will be served. There will also be a dinner for the members of the Society, at the Hongkong Hotel to-night. It is expected that speeches will be made by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Rear-Admiral Sir Frederick T. Tudor, Colonel R. K. Harvey and Mr. H. W. Bird. Guests and members of the St. George's Society, who are attending the dinner are requested kindly to put on whatever form of evening dress they find to be most cool and comfortable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows three cases of plague.

Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., are installing plant for the Sandakan Electric Co. Mr. G. Mavor has left to take charge of the installation.

Lieut.-Colonel H. L. Kirke, R.G.A., commander of the Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A. at Kowloon in pre-war days, has gone on half pay on completion of five years in the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Arrivals by the Blue Funnel steamer *Mentor* were Surg. Lieut. F. G. Wood, R.N., Lieut. J. G. Pitt, Lieut. H. Sutor, R.N.R., Lieut. A. Halfhide, R.N. (for H.M.S. *Woodcock*,) and Lieut. M. J. Kelly.

Major M. F. Day, M.C., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who will be remembered by some of the older Hongkong Club members, has left his regiment to become a General Staff Officer, 2nd grade.

Many local residents will be pleased to learn that Lieutenant R.K.C. Pope, has survived the dangers of war service in submarines. A recent *Gazette* appoints him to P. 38 (submarine) in command.

Sir John Bucknill, Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, formerly Attorney-General of Hongkong, is going Home on leave *via* Canada. He is expected in Hongkong on May 12th, on the *Andre Lebon*.

Recent Naval appointments include: Captain A. Lambert, R.N. to command H.M.S. *Carlisle* dated March 1. Lieut. A. R. Halfhide, R.N. to H.M.S. *Woodcock*, Lieut. D. Wardlaw-Ramsey, R.N. to H.M.S. *Scarab*.

Two ladies were proceeding along Connaught Road, past King's Building on Monday evening when a Chinese snatched a hand-bag, which one was carrying, containing $30 in money. Pursuit was given by two soldiers but the culprit was lost to sight near the Central Market.

The Consulate General of the United States has received instructions from the Department of State at Washington indicating that trade is now allowed Americans with all parts of the world except Germany, Austria, and such parts of Russia as are in the control of the Bolshevik forces.

The Administrative Council of Canton Military Government has decided that enemy subjects belonging to the Missionary class may not be repatriated, whilst those connected with official positions are to be deported. It is reported three enemy subjects are now awaiting the arrival of a steamer at Canton and will probably leave at the end of this month.

POLICE PERSECUTION OF PEDESTRIANS.

IS THERE TO BE AN APPEAL?

Although the people will not back up their Press by writing letters, there is a lot of grumbling about the arbitrary and contra-legal Police Order to prevent pedestrians from leaving the sidewalks. In the case of Mr. Remedios, the first victim, it has been suggested that there should be a public subscription to defray the cost of an appeal. The public feeling is that though he may have been technically guilty of assault, the police provocation was very great. Numbers of people every day are complaining of the rude way in which the Indian constables are carrying out this order.

This morning busy rumour said that counsel for Mr. Remedios had lodged an appeal with the Supreme Court. It was even said that the case would be heard on Friday next. On enquiry in official quarters the *China Mail* learns that no papers have as yet been filed.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS ISSUED BY MR. J. W. FRANKS D.S.P.R.

UNIFORM.

White Uniform will be worn on all duties from to-day.

MEETING.

There will be a meeting of Company Commanders and Warning Officers at Headquarters on Monday the 28 inst. at 5.30 p.m. Uniform optional.

April 23rd, 1919.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

IF you want a clear head and good digestion you must not let your bowels become clogged with poisonous waste from the body, as is always the case when you become constipated. Proper food, an abundance of water and plenty of outdoor exercise should keep your bowels regular. When that fails you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. They cause a gentle movement of the bowels and are easy and pleasant to take. For sale By All Chemists and Storekeepers.

OUR DANGEROUS STREETS.

RECKLESS DRIVING CASE.

Before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday, Inspector Garrod charged the Chinese chauffeur of motor-car No. 42, owned by the Far East Garage, with reckless driving in Des Vœux Road.

The defendant pleaded that he was travelling at a speed of between 8 to 10 miles an hour.

Sergt. Pitt, said he was on duty near the Victoria Theatre when he saw the car which was driven by the defendant, coming along Des Vœux Road from West to East at a speed of between 25 to 30 miles. This was very dangerous, as a crowd was just leaving the theatre at the time. The witness said the defendant drove at the same high speed up to the entrance of the Exile Garage and then suddenly cut across the road to the Far East Garage on the opposite side of the road.

The defendant again repeated his statement that he never travelled at more than from 8 to 10 miles an hour, but admitted that he had been warned twice for speedy driving.

A fine of $15 was imposed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE FRANCE FUND.

[*To the Editor of the* "CHINA MAIL."]

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will allow me to make known the fact that £1,373.1.1. sterling has been sent to Mrs. France through Mr. Stuart Knox of the Missions to Seamen, Buckingham, St. Strand, London. Commander Beckwith, R.N. and I received $7,890.30 in local currency and £60 in sterling from nearly a hundred subscribers. The accounts have been audited and may be seen by any subscriber at the Harbour Master's Office. Several firms have referred to their Home Office for permission to subscribe and in due course I expect a few substantial additions to the fund which will be duly sent on as soon as received. I am glad to say £1500 has been raised in England so that the fund being invested for the benefit of Mrs. France and her six children amounts to nearly £3000.

Heartily thanking all contributors and Commander Beckwith for so kindly acting as Treasurer.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
G. H. Victoria, Hongkong.
Hongkong, April 17, 1919.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

[*To the Editor of the* "CHINA MAIL."]

Sir,—The last police reserve order appears very unreasonable. Why not release the police reserve band practices as well? Are there any more box-tournaments to come? If there are, the practices can be jolly well released and when such box tournaments come I am sure the members of the band will not refuse to give their co-operation.

Thanking you for the publication.

CASF.

Hongkong, April 22.

A FOUL OR AN ACCIDENT.

[*To the Editor of the* "CHINA MAIL."]

Dear Sir:—With reference to the Championship of the Colony race which took place yesterday afternoon at the Race Course. There is no doubt but that the decision of the judges is final, but may I take the liberty to point out that it was quite a surprise to the spectators to see Mr. Omar put back by Ko Kin Fan through being pushed. What the former should have done was to have protested but being sportsmanlike he did not do it. I am sure that there is no merit in such a win, for he won it by elbowing his opponent.

Thanking you for the insertion of this letter,

I am, Yours very truly,
Spectator.
Hongkong, April 22, 1919.

PRESS CENSORSHIP ABOLISHED.

The following announcement has been received from the Colonial Secretary:—

"I am directed to inform you that telegraphic instructions from London announce the abolition of the Press Censorship in the United Kingdom on April 30th.

The necessary notification applying the Order to this Colony will be gazetted in due course."

A special service of thanksgiving will be held at the *China Mail* office in due course.

A PARENT'S DUTY.

YOUR boy is always getting scratched or cut or bruised. Because these wounds have healed all right is no sign they always will. Get a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and see that every injury is cared for immediately. You can get nothing better, and blood poison is too dangerous a disease to risk. For sale By All Chemists and Storekeepers.

HONGKONG POLICE FORCE.

BEING BROUGHT UP TO STRENGTH.

This morning a *China Mail* man paid a visit to Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P. to enquire when the members of the Hongkong Police Force now on active service were likely to return to the Colony and take up their regular avocation. Mr. Wolfe very courteously gave our representative some particulars of the present position. Of the 60 odd members of the force who went on active service, a fair percentage are expected to return. Unhappily some never will. They have made the great sacrifice; but of those who survived the war nearly all have expressed their desire to come back. Recently the Government telegraphed the Secretary of State for the Colonies asking that arrangements be made to send the members of the Force who were serving in H.M. Service back to the Colony. A reply was received that Commanding officers had been instructed by the Director General of Demobilization that preference was to be given to the members of the Hongkong Police Force for demobilization.

Mr. Kerr, the Chief Inspector has already had news that some of the men are demobilized and enjoying a well deserved holiday. Mr. Wolfe does expect any back of them not for two months. He mentioned that instructions have been sent to the Crown Agents at Home to recruit 28 Europeans for the force.

As regards the Indian policemen, Mr. Perdue, who has been recruiting in India, is expected back about May 1. With him are 10 Indian recruits.

Mr. Wolfe mentioned that the Military Authorities have lent the Police 25 Indian soldiers for police duty. The acquisition of these men enabled him to arrange to relieve the Police Reserve of all duties except Search Supervising. When the force receives more men from home the Police Reserve will be relieved from all duties. Mr. Wolfe will naturally be glad to have the force under him back at its pre-war strength.

THE HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

SATISFACTORY DUTY ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

Yesterday evening the Company commanders of the Hongkong Police Reserve held a meeting at Police Reserve Headquarters and with Mr. Franks, the Acting D.S.P., made suitable arrangements for carrying out the reduced duties now to be done by the force.

Discussing the matter with Mr. Franks this morning, a *China Mail* man was kindly afforded information on the subject. Mr. Franks explained that when the C.S.P. arranged to take over all duties from the Police Reserve except that done by the Search Supervising Squad, he quite naturally gave the good news in orders. What with being very busy at the time, and in addition being under the impression that the members of the force would understand, he did not put in orders anything but the bare facts. Thus, as he said, a few malcontents at once wrote in an *ex parte* strain to the papers complaining that this particular squad was to do all the work of the force in the future. It was his intention then, in fact arrangements had been made, to call the meeting of the company commanders to work out a system by which the search supervising could be shared by the whole force.

Last night arrangements were made whereby commencing on May 1, search supervising duties would be done by a roster of the whole force, British, Portuguese, Indian and Chinese. It has been worked out that each man will do, approximately, one duty in six weeks. In all probability members will do two such duties and then it is hoped the Hongkong Police Force will be in sufficient strength to undertake all police duties themselves.

Mr. Franks was good enough to explain to our man the system of punishments about which a good deal has been said and written. From the information given we are satisfied that the punishments have not been severe and in any case where anything greater than extra patrols have been given, it has only been in aggravated instances.

With these latest arrangements in vogue, there can be no complaint with a duty *once in six weeks* or even a little less. As it takes a certain amount of work and time to get the new system into effect, the present search supervising squad will continue their job till the end the present month.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhœa Remedy should be given. For sale By All Chemists and Storekeepers.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

An ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. D. Landale was in the chair and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, Rev. Fr. L. Robert, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak and Mr. A. H. Compton (directors) and Messrs. G. C. Moxon, Ho Leung, Ho Kom-tong, George Grimble, R. F. Mattingley, M. Manuk, M. S. Northcote, J. W. Stewart, T. M. Gregory, C. B. Buyers and W. E. Roberts (secretary).

After the secretary had read the Auditors' report and the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen.—The Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1918 having been in your hands for some time, and I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The profit for the year, after providing for Depreciation, Royalty, and Debenture Interest, amounted to £52,235.18.8. This is a considerable increase on the previous year, and is due to the higher rate of exchange at which the dollar a cs have been converted into sterling.

1918 was an exceptionally wet year, and it is therefore very satisfactory to find that our traffic receipts increased by $28,552, particularly so as our Summer traffic to the Happy Valley suffered heavily in consequence of the deplorable catastrophe at the Race Course. The total number of passengers carried during the year, exclusive of monthly ticket holders, amounted to 12,283,979, an increase of 427,710 over the previous year.

Working expenses increased by $38,398, this being due to the high prices paid for coal and other materials. I am pleased to say that a saving will be effected in the cost of coal for the present year, and it is to be hoped that with a return of normal conditions the price of materials required for maintenance will be reduced to something approximating to their former level.

A large expenditure has to be incurred in the near future in renewing the rails of the tramway between Whitty Street and Causeway Bay, which are now worn out. The original cost of these rails will all have been written off in depreciation by the end of this year.

I referred at our last meeting to the heavy expenditure entailed in repairing the track, and drew attention to the excessive wear and tear caused by the coolie trucks. The Government are now enforcing the traffic regulation requiring slow going vehicles to keep to the side of the road, so that when the track has been relaid the maintenance charges will be very much reduced.

Arrangements have been made to redeem the outstanding Debentures of the Company, which amount to £129,900, and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, are temporarily advancing the sum required for this purpose. Your Directors decided that it would be a sound policy the to pay off these Debentures while rate of exchange was high, and to substitute a dollar liability therefor. At the rate of exchange of 3s. 7d. which has been secured, the cost of the sterling amount is $725,023.

I think it is only right that shareholders and the Public should know that we have on several occasions applied to the Government for permission to inaugurate a Tramway Service in Kowloon. Before the War we applied on the 1st October 1913 and 17th April 1914 and later on the 1st March 1916 and 2nd July 1918 and on each occasion we have been informed that the Government are not prepared at present to consider such a concession.

We do not know what the Government's intentions in this matter are, but we wish to make it clear that it is not the fault of this Company that Kowloon is without a tramway line to day.

We quite realise that it is unlikely that tramways in Kowloon would pay to commence with but we have sufficient confidence in the future to advocate the laying of a system in that district to be regarded as an extension to this Company's lines and falling under the existing Royalty Conditions. By this means we consider that a tramway would be provided on more favourable terms to the Community than if laid by the Government or by a separate concern and could be worked more economically under one Administration.

While it is the duty of the Government to protect the Public in the matter of charges by such Companies as this and see that efficient services are rendered, I think they would do well to leave the rest to Private enterprise for I very much doubt whether they have sufficient funds at their command to satisfy the ever increasing demands of the community for expansion of all Public utility Companies and at the same time do justice to the many and much needed Public Works of the place.

In my opinion if private enterprise is to be superseded and Public utility Companies are to become Government Departments the natural expansion of Hongkong will be greatly hindered and delayed as it has been in the present case.

I now beg to propose "That the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1918, be and the same are hereby adopted."

The motion was seconded by Sir Paul Chater and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then proposed "That a final dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1918, at the rate of 10d. per share (making a total of 1s. 5d. per share for the year) recommended by the directors, be and is hereby sanctioned and the same be paid to the shareholders on the Colonial (Hongkong) Register, at the exchange rate of 3s. 4½d. per Hongkong dollar."

Sir Paul Chater seconded this resolution and it was unanimously passed by the meeting.

On the proposal of Mr. G. C. Moxon seconded by Mr. M. Manuk, the Rev. Fr. L. Robert and Mr. A. H. Compton were unanimously re-elected directors for the ensuing year.

Sir Robert Ho Tung was re-elected a director of the Company for the ensuing year on the proposal of Mr. Ho Leung seconded by Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were unanimously re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year with a remuneration of $1,000, on the proposal of Mr. J. W. Stewart seconded by Mr. M. S. Northcote.

The meeting terminated with the announcement that Dividend Warrants were ready for issue.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEL complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand. It may save a life. For sale By All Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE MAILS.

HOPE OF MORE FREQUENT MAILS.

This morning a *China Mail* man called on the Postmaster General and asked "What's the matter with the Mails." The genial P.M.G. kindly gave our representative what information was available. It seems that notwithstanding the fact that the London Post Office were asked not to send mails *via* America they could not believe their eyes. They cabled back and asked if they should send by the American route. Of course they were told no. We have had too much hanging about of mails at Seattle and San Francisco in the past. Sometimes it has taken mails 30 days to get from Seattle to Hongkong. Mr. Ross said that all mails are now coming by the Suez route, except where the Home P.M.G. can make sure of getting a connection in Canada with an Empress boat. Otherwise all are to came *via* Suez.

The last mail received was by the Blue Funnel boat *Mentor* which, however, brought parcels only. These were dated London March 14, and received April 20. The mail before that was a large one *via* Suez. This comprised 98 bags from London and nine from Manchester. These left Home on March 6 and arrived here on April 12. So it will be seen that the Blue Funnel service is fast and about the best by which to send the mails at present.

The next mail due is expected by the *Stentor*, also a Blue Funnel ship. She is expected here about April 27 and ought to bring mails from London posted up to March 14 at least.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

To-night a new romantic paramount picture "Gretna Green" will be screened, whose synopsis we have already published. Margaret Clark will be the leading role and her splendid acting was much appreciated in the previous play "The Goose Girl." Another magnificent film "The Black Wolf" in 5 parts will be screened on Saturday next. Nell Shipman takes the role of Dona Isabel, the Chancellor's daughter. In the wilds of the Spanish mountains a bandit, known as the most daring and invincible, by the name of Black Wolf reigned at the head of his band, known as "The Charcoals Burners." Notwithstanding his wild character and daring robberies, he was, however, a benefactor to the poor people. Don Philip, Duke of Miras offered a reward for his head, "dead or alive. Alas! for this offer he laid the foundation for his own downfall." The whole play is full of exciting incidents, and the protagonist Leon Tellegen, the foremost romantic actor of the stage, who was associated with Sarah Benhardt in London takes the leading part.

BIG SALE OF STAMPS.

AT HONGKONG G.P.O. YESTERDAY.

What is believed to be a record sale of postage stamps occurred at the G.P.O. yesterday. At any rate it was one of the biggest sales of stamps that ever was made here. No less than $4,000 worth were sold over the counters during the day. The average daily sale of stamps amounts to $1,000. The large sale yesterday is attributable to the tremendous mail taken by the Blue Funnel ship *Laomedan* to Europe. This mail went via the Suez Canal.

MAGISTRACY.

(MR. LINDSELL'S COURT.)

NOT A SERIOUS CASE.

A Chinese was this morning fined $200 or six weeks, for the possession of a revolver and a quantity of ammunition, without having a licence. Defendant pleaded that he was going down to Canton and was taking the revolver for self-protection.

Inspector Brazil informed the Magistrate that it was not a serious case, although the weapon was found concealed in a receptacle in a bookcase. There was reason to believe that defendant was really carrying the weapon for self-protection.

UNRULY COOLIES.

Two riesha coolies were charged with disorderly conduct outside the Hongkong Hotel. It appears that defendants were both rushing to secure a passenger from the hotel, when they collided with each other, and angry words changed to blows. $5 each.

A PROMISING STUDENT.

A Chinese student pleaded "not guilty" when charged with absconding with $12.50, and a medical book, belonging to his medical tutor. After evidence was heard defendant was given six weeks' imprisonment.

ALLEGED IMPERSONATION.

On the application of Mr. Schofield, chief assistant to the S.C.A., two Chinese, charged with impersonating Wong Wah, and with abetting him in a false representation, were remanded for a week on bail of $250 and $50 respectively.

Mr. Schofield stated that Wong Wah, not being able to pass the medical examination to leave the Colony as an assisted emigrant, on account of trachoma, secured the aid of defendants, one of whom passed the medical examination as Wong Wah. When the ship was about to leave the pseudo-emigrant got off and the real Wong Wah took his place, and made for Billeton.

(MR. ORME'S COURT.)

BRIBERY.

For offering a bribe of thirty cents to a constable, for his freedom, when arrested for hawking without a licence, a hawker was sentenced to twelve days' imprisonment.

YOUNGSTERS FINED $10,000.

$10,000 each was the fine imposed on a Chinese boy and girl charged with unlawful possession of 170 taels of prepared opium. Mr. E. L. Agassiz, representing defendants, admitted the charge and pleaded for leniency. "On account of their tender age, Mr. Agassiz held that if they were sent to jail their whole future might be blighted." The option of the fine was one year's hard labour.

JUST A WOMAN.

Indifference on the part of her husband, an inveterate opium smoker, and the taunts of her friends, formed the motives which prompted a Chinese woman to court "relief from all life's ills" by jumping into the harbour from the Praya. The lady, however, took good care to land in none too deep water and within reach of aid, for scarcely had she reached the water when a boatman fished her out.

His Worship proposed to send defendant to the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, who was to decide whether she should be sent back to the country or not.

OPIUM DIVANS.

Mr. Orme fined a Chinese $50 or six weeks' for conducting an opium divan in No. 19 New Street.

Ten Chinese charged with smoking in the divan were also fined $2 each.

Another divan-keeper was fined $50 and 13 men $3 each, for smoking in 77, Queen's Road Central.

In both cases a quantity of opium pipes, lamps, etc., were confiscated.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

THE SERVICES ENTERTAINED.

At the Victoria Theatre this afternoon, the St. George's Society gave the members of the Services a treat in the form of a Kinema show and a concert in commemoration of St. George's Day. The Theatre outside was specially decorated for the occasion with the flags of the Allies. Inside the pillars were all decorated with bunting, while flowers were very much in evidence. Every man present had a rose pinned to his tunic. The Committee responsible for the arrangements were the Rev. Hastings, Chaplin of the Forces, Major Hammond and Messrs. A. G. Spencer and W. D. Darley.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C., performed the ceremony of formally opening the function. The thanks of the members of the Services are due to the Society for the excellent entertainment arranged for them which they one and all vote was the best they had enjoyed hitherto.

Items of the programme included a tenor solo, "My Love Has Come," by Mr. P. W. Golding; a sand-jig by the Misses Rosalnd and Ruby Young with Miss Vyienne Young at the piano; a baritone solo, Prologue from "Pagliacci," by Mr. E. Anderson; a song, "K-k-k-katy," by Mrs. H. M. Webb; a tenor solo by Mr. G. Dumbarton; a comic song by Mr. G. W. C. Burnett; and a baritone solo, "The Yeoman of England," by Mr. H. B. L. Dowriggin.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.

A VERY RUDE REMARK.

The *Ceylon Daily News*, which is said to be edited by an ex-Anglican padre, discussing the dinner proposed in honour of Mr. Stubbs, finished with these rude remarks:

Unless Mr. Stubbs is gifted with an unusual power of self-deception, he can make no mistake concerning the sentiments which the people of this country entertain in his regard. And even if he does make a mistake in the present instance, it will be a trivial one.

We are aware, however, that Mr. Stubbs is by no means as important as some of his mistakes. The people of this country are not likely to forget these. But they do desire to forget him as quickly as possible.

FREE POSTAGE FOR LOCAL SERVICE MEN.

WHAT IT COST THE G.P.O.

In the middle of 1917, when the soldiers' and sailors' in Hongkong were labouring under the financial hardships of an inflated dollar, and no sign of redress was forthcoming from a hard hearted Home Government, a kinder hearted local government did what it could to ameliorate the burden. One of things the local government did was to permit free postage from all the soldiers' and sailors' in Hongkong.

This has meant a large loss of revenue to the local government as in 1918 alone, the postage sent free would, had it been stamped, have amounted to the large sum of $11,500." If half this amount is added for 1917, and a similar sum for 1919, it will be seen that the free postage from the service men has cost the Hongkong Treasury a very large sum. This system having been inaugurated on account of the high dollar and the war, will discontinue when peace is signed. It has been a boon to the sailors and soldiers, whom we are sure appreciate the Hongkong Government's generosity in this matter.

CLUB RECREIO, "AT HOME."

The Contra Dance party of the Sociedade des Jovens Macaenses scored another success at the "At Home" given by the Club Recreio, Kowloon, last evening. The club was prettily got up for the occasion, with a profusion of flags, buntings and Japanese lanterns. Amongst a very large gathering of ladies and gentlemen of the Portuguese community was Senhor E. M. V. R. de Sousa, the Portuguese Consul.

The programme was carried out without a hitch, the National Guard Quadrille being the most favoured item, and was well executed by the little children.

The programme follows:

1. Grand March.
2. Dance in Deux-temps.
3. Maypole Dance.
4. National Guard Quadrille.

The band of the Sociedade Philarmonica, under bandmaster I. M. da Costa played in attendance.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), on

FRIDAY,

April 25, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Hongkong, April 23, 1919.

NOTICE.

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March 1, 1919.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE 2nd GYMKHANA MEETING of the Season will be held at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, April 26, 1919, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Charge of Admission will be $1.00 for others than Members of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB or GYMKHANA CLUB.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, April 23, 1919.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

Hongkong, April 23, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY, April 26, 1919, commencing at **11 a.m.** at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

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Hongkong, April 23, 1919.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by April 28, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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CHINKIANG & WUHU	TAMSUI	April 27, Daylight.
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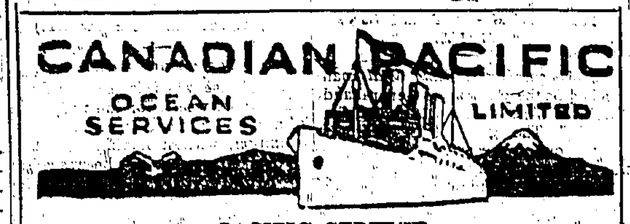
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"The servant difficulty is the cause of flats being in favour," said a witness recently during the resumed hearing, in the King's Bench Division, of the action brought against the occupier of a South Kensington house which had been converted into flats.

Mr. Herbert Allen Day, the tenant for life of the house in question and Mr. Benjamin Day and Mr. Henry Church, trustees of a will in connection with the Brompton estate—sought to recover possession from Mrs. Eliza Wickton on the ground that this conversion was a breach of covenant.

Defendant's counsel argued that respectable people in all parts of London required flats. Owing to the difficulty in getting coal and food, the habits of the people had greatly changed. It was nonsense to say that the conversion would bring undesirable tenants.

Witnesses were called who expressed satisfaction with the flats, and the defendant's husband, an estate agent, said many large houses in Kensington had been converted to meet the demand.

Plenty of respectable and well-to-do people, he said, lived in Kensington.

The Judge: There are respectable people in East Ham.

Later, the witness said: "I am fighting this case because of the feudal attitude of the plaintiffs."

The hearing was adjourned.

BANKERS TO PAY DAMAGES.

FOR DISHONOURING OFFICER'S CHEQUES.

Messrs. Cox and Company, the Army bankers, were recently ordered to pay £50 damages to a young flight officer for the wrongful dishonouring of two cheques.

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The bank wrote letters of apology to the two payees of the cheques; and offered the plaintiff £20 as compensation, but this he refused to accept.

Witnesses for the bank denied that the plaintiff cancelled his order, but the judge found that he did.

ALIEN SHIPS' CAPTAINS.

EIGHTY IN COMMAND OF BRITISH SHIPS.

Sir William Watson Rutherford, M.P., speaking at the annual meeting of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild at Liverpool, said he came across the fact that since the armistice no less than 80 aliens were once again in command of British ships. ("Shame.").

He confessed that it gave him a shock, and he immediately communicated with the Board of Trade to know if it was so, and why. He received an answer from the Board of Trade referring him to the Admiralty. He communicated with the Admiralty, and they admitted it.

He received a long reply from them, giving an explanation why this had been, and they whittled it down to six alien enemies. But they could not get out of the fact that 80 aliens had been put back in command of British ships, and some of them had been receiving the confidential instructions of the Admiralty.

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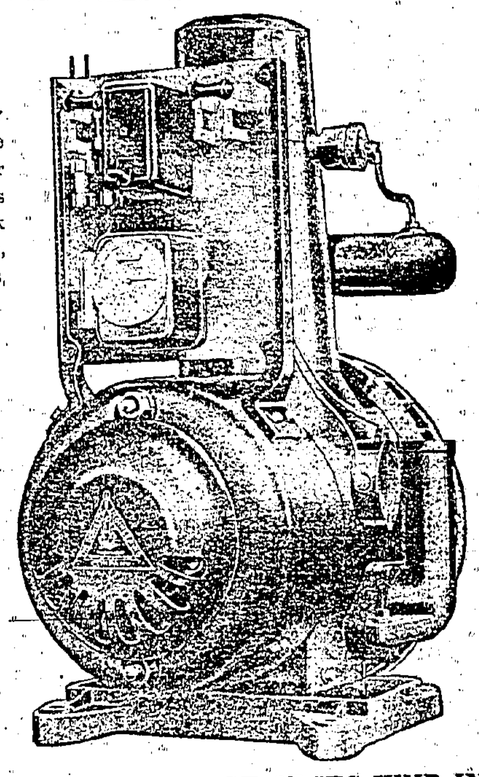
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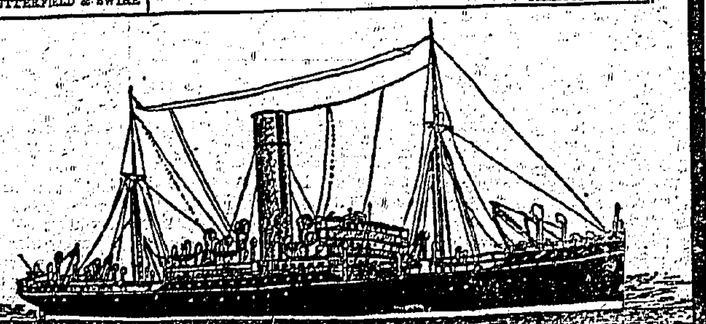
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PRESENTATION TO COMMANDANT.

At the Hongkong Defence Corps Headquarters yesterday at 5.30, Major H. A. Morgan, 18th Infantry, of the Indian Army, who has been Commandant of the Hongkong Defence Corps for some time past, was presented with a piece of silver plate, Major Morgan is proceeding to Tientsin to join the 18th Infantry there.

The present was from the Officers, warrant officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Corps and was presented before a large number among whom were included, Major G. H. Wakeman, Surgeon-Major G. D. E. Black, Major J. H. W. Armstrong, Captains G. E. Stewart, Evan Jones, A. E. Wright, H. W. B. Kennett, G. G. Wood and B. R. Branch, and Lieuts. Highby, Lindsell, Moxon and Blackburn.

Major Macdonald in making the presentation said: Our meeting here this afternoon is for the purpose of carrying out a proposal which was put forward and agreed to when it became known that our Commandant was being transferred to the North. The proposal was that we should present him with a souvenir of his association with the Corps, and I am sure I speak for every member of it when I say that we are all very glad to have this opportunity of showing appreciation and of testifying to his administrative abilities as our commandant.

His keenness for the efficiency of every member was undivided and by his unfailing interest in musketry training raised the shooting standard to the highest point it has ever attained in the history of the Corps. To those who were shy of practice at the butts he was always ready to give a walk round Devil's Peak on a Sunday morning to encourage and brace them up for the next practice. His work and his clean administration of every detail, we all admire, and shall on his departure miss him very much.

Major Morgan, on behalf of the Officers, N.C.O's, and members of the Corps, I ask you to accept this small souvenir as a memento of your association with the Corps.

On the proposal of Sergeant-Major Bond, three histy cheers were then given to Major Morgan, who in reply said: Major Macdonald and brother Officers, N.C.O's, and men of the Defence Corps,—I thank you very much indeed for this present you have given me. I have only been two years connected with you but it has been a great pleasure. I have enjoyed all the time I have spent with the Corps, and have done my level best for it. I could not do more. Major Macdonald has mentioned the shooting. Well, I can tell you the improvement made. Last year there were 11 marksmen; this year the number has risen to 28. (Hear, hear.) Last year there were 67 third-class shots, this year that number has dropped to 13. That is directly due to every man's personal effort and it just shows what individual keenness and practice will do and I hope that you will keep up this keenness when I have gone away. I shall always keep this piece of plate as one of my most treasured possessions. I thank you one and all for your very great kindness to me in presenting it.

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HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY'S MEETING.

The handicaps for Saturday's Gymkhana are as follow:

Five Furlongs Race.—Dalesman, 155 lbs.; Morning Star, 152 lbs.; Wedding Bells, 152 lbs.; Eaton Boy (late Woodworker), 152 lbs.; Jeyhoon, 149 lbs.; Hector, 146 lbs.

Gymkhana Stakes.—One Mile.—Malcolm, 156 lbs.; Tytam Chief, 151 lbs.; Vivat, 151 lbs.; Burning Daylight, 151 lbs.; Pink Eye, 146 lbs.; Regularity Dahlia, 146 lbs.; Alexander, 146 lbs.; Grey Mouse, 146 lbs.; Lovejoy (late American Chief), 146 lbs.; Salamander, 146 lbs.; Rochester (late Seyhoon), 146 lbs.; Paper Money, 146 lbs.

Class Handicap "A".—Three-quarter Mile.—Malcolm, 164 lbs.; Paper Money, 163 lbs.; Gery Mouse, 157 lbs.; Alexander, 157 lbs.; Regularity Dahlia, 154 lbs.; Vivat, 153 lbs.; Rochester, 153 lbs.; Smokebox, 152 lbs.; Tytam Chief, 149 lbs.; Viola (late Burst Length), 147 lbs.; Mountain Food (late Vesuvius Dahlia), 146 lbs.; Burning Daylight, 146 lbs.; Swallow, 145 lbs.; Grouse, 149 lbs.

Class Handicap "B".—Three-quarter Mile.—Maybe, 158 lbs.; Dusky, 157 lbs.; Gentle Cat (late Catford), 156 lbs.; Bend Or, 155 lbs.; Flyford (late Firefly), 153 lbs.; Second Fiddle, 153 lbs.; Morning Star, 150 lbs.; Judex (late Moonlight), 150 lbs.; King John, 150 lbs.; Victory Star, 150 lbs.; Ridgeway, 150 lbs.; Jeyhoon, 150 lbs.; Lovejoy, 149 lbs.; Starlight, 149 lbs.; Meyhoon, 149 lbs.; Aidlog II. (late Tambourine), 149 lbs.; Dalesman, 149 lbs.; Hector, 145 lbs.; Wedding Bells, 145 lbs.; Weihai Chief, 142 lbs.

Handicap—From Two Mile Post Once Round and In.—Smokebox, 165 lbs.; Viola, 157 lbs.; Swallow, 155 lbs.; Flyford, 151 lbs.; Judex, 149 lbs.; Morning Star, 148 lbs.; Starlight, 148 lbs.; King John, 148 lbs.; Eaton Boy, 146 lbs.

Handicap—One and a Quarter Miles.—Pink Eye, 166 lbs.; Malcolm, 163 lbs.; Paper Money, 163 lbs; Alexander, 157 lbs.; Grey Mouse, 156 lbs.; Salamander, 155 lbs.; Vivat, 155 lbs.; Rochester, 155 lbs.; Regularity Dahlia, 154 lbs.; Smokebox, 153 lbs.; Tytam Chief, 149 lbs.; Burning Daylight, 149 lbs.; Mountain Ford, 146 lbs.; Gentle Cat, 146 lbs.; Dusky, 146 lbs.; Bend Or, 146 lbs.; Meyhoon, 145 lbs.; Weihai Chief, 140 lbs.

LAWN TENNIS.

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES FINAL.

KENT TO MEET NG SZE KWONG IN CHALLENGE ROUND.

The stand accommodation on the H.K.C.C. ground was taxed to the utmost yesterday evening when N. E. Kent defeated T. Mishima, the Japanese player, by three sets out of the four played. Kent thus qualified to meet the champion, Ng Sze Kwong, in the challenge round.

Among the numerous spectators, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Admiral Sir F. C. Tudor were interested onlookers.

Mishima has the service, but Kent gained the first point amidst applause. Faulty returns by the Japanese gave the first game to Kent, Mishima failing to score a point. The second game was more evenly contested and the scores were 40-30 in Kent's favour, when a long hard shot that kept low completely non-plussed the Japanese and gave Kent a lead of 2—0. Kent had a bad time in the third game but two bad returns almost Mishima, the game which he won by 40-30. Kent did some good smashing in the next game which was carried to deuce and then won by the Club man. Each won a game after this bringing the score to 4—2 in favour of Kent, and then some weak serving by the Japanese helped Kent to the next two games and he won the set 6—2.

Mishima went in off in dashing style in the second game, whereas Kent was always trouble. Mishima won the first five games, due mainly to some hard shots across the court. The Japanese was best with these backhanded strokes which gained him applause time after time. Kent won the six game, 5—1. The seventh game brought four deuces, the first prolonged game so far. Then Kent gained the game with a fine shot that was placed just where the Japanese was not. The next game saw Kent give a couple of bad returns but he recovered and won. With the score 5—3 in favour of Mishima it seemed possible for Kent to further retrieve his bad start in this set but the Japanese fired in two unreturnable shots and won the next game and set. He received unstinted applause on bringing the games level.

The third set was easily Kent's. He won the first three games, displaying better tactics than his opponent. His play at the net was good hereabouts whereas the Japanese never attempted this game. In the fourth game there was a good long rally for the first time. After taking the game to deuce Kent lost owing to a good stroke of the Japanese along the side line. Kent won the next game due to good judgment, his placing when the Japanese was on the back line being distinctly good, the next game was a love game and went to the Japanese, a succession of good strokes accounting for this. The next game was the best recovery made by either player. Kent was serving and the Japanese was leading 40-love. A neat stroke caught Mishima unprepared, a thoroughly sound smash brought the game to 30-40. A long return wide of Mishima gave Kent deuce, after which he won, receiving well-merited applause. In the eight game Kent was at the net and luckily stopped a hard return from hitting his face. The ball rebounded from his racquet just over the net. A lucky point for Kent who smiled at his good fortune. When the game was 30-40 Mishima hit the ball wildly over the back line and the third set went to Kent, giving him a lead of 2 sets to 1.

The fourth set proved to be the last. Kent won the first game after a few deuces. He had the Japanese well beaten hereabouts, his placing being much superior. Mishima's points were chiefly gained by his strong backhand strokes. Kent won the first five games of this set and then Mishima won one, 5—1. Kent won the next easily and thus won the match, 6—2, 3—6, 6—2, 6—1.

Mishima reached the final round by defeating A. H. Rumjahn, G. Manley, and F. A. Redmond.

Kent disposed of A. B. Raworth, M. W. Lo (walk over) and Yew Mun Tsun, on the way to the final.

The date has not yet been fixed for the challenge round when the challenger, N. E. Kent, will play the champion, Ng Sze Kwong.

HANDICAP DOUBLES FINAL.

This evening the final of the Handicap Doubles will be played. The contestants will be F. A. Redmond and A. Morse (owe 4/6) and Lieut.-Colonel G. B. Crisp and Capt. H. E. Murray (scratch).

WAR AND LANGUAGE.

In the Napoleonic Wars the stay of a few thousands of French prisoners in England left some marks on the English language that have never been rubbed out. Some French words and phrases, if only a few, took root and lived, like the beech-mast that came with the Romans and mixed with our acorns. "Quel objet!" a French prisoner would say at sight of some scarecrow of a village idiot in his place of captivity. The villagers' ears would be tickled, and "Caleb Jay" would become the stock word for a guy or unpresentable body throughout a whole countryside—obscurely related perhaps to "Juggins the J," as a greenhorn or "mug" has been called in the Cockney tongue. If such things could be done in the green leaf, what will be done in the dry? When many millions of men have lived for several years in foreign countries, as allies, invaders, or prisoners, they are sure to leave something behind, and also to bring something back, in the way of language; and anything new and piquant in speech is now diffused through a country by papers and music-hall stars as fast as bad news.

The lamented Pelissier used to sing, long before the war came, a song with the close:

And we'll say "Sacre!" "Sapristi!"
instead of "Go to—!"
And that will be the next result
of th' Entente Cordielle.

One might perhaps have expected as much of the war. But, in fact, there has been no international exchange of oaths, the native products in this line being perhaps too near to the heart. Outside them, the wind bloweth where it listeth, and no man can tell why certain French words and phrases have been adopted almost passionately by the English, and certain English ones by the French. For each nation has had its exports as well as its imports. The first word that the British soldier acquired in France was "bonn." It means good. A stroke of luck is "a bit of bonn." Its opposite, he decided, must be "no bonn," no good. When he shopped in the shops of the Gaul his usual form of acquiescence in a price was "Bonn!" Only a few advanced linguists went so far as "Je prong." The established formula of rejection was "No bonn." If it was thought proper to add emphasis to this and to vindicate one's perception of excessive height in a price. "No bonn" was sometimes raised to a higher power of itself in the form "No blooming bonn," "No blighted bonn," "No blinking bonn," and similar exercises in alliteration. These variants took the fancy of the rural French, and I heard French village children laughingly decline to be taken in by some piece of British chaff with shouts of "No blinkin' bonn," quite innocent of any expletory value in the middle term. "No bonn," at any rate, is now as deeply embedded in French slang as in English. Each language has given and has taken.

There are other cases of meeting half-way. At many French inns in the British zone there was sold during the war a swarthy but frothless liquid affirmed to be stout. Though it always seemed to have had a bad crossing and not got well yet, it was cherished by many exiles, for the sake of its name, and, with a delicate concession to the frailty of lips which cannot frame to pronounce English right, they would order it as "Stoo, Madam, please," or a second glass as "Anchor a stoo." It is on the cards either that "stoo" may become so common a nickname in England that it will drive the original out, as the French partridge drove out the English, or that the concessiveness of our troops may perpetuate throughout Northern France the first, incorrect French pronunciation of the English word.

Of course the two best-known pieces of British homage to French models, during the war, are "Compry" and "Napoo." The Expeditionary Force was much tickled by the French use of "Compris?" at the end of some French essay in English or in the language of signs, to inquire whether the meaning of the symbols had gone home to the mind. Faithful to the genius of their own language, the English shifted the accent from the second to the first syllable of the word and adapted "Compry" to all sorts of good uses. It gave an edge to orders. "Clear out the straw from them billets," a sergeant would say. "Sharp, too. Compry." It curled the tails of repartees. You might hear two old Regulars engaged in one of their eternal arguments about the relative military value and lethal energy of the old Ypres salient. "An' 'ow long was you at Wipers?" "Six month." "Well, I was eight, so wot right 'ave you to speak? Compry." Or it might be used simply in its primary sense, in conversation with the French, all of whom were soon accustomed to the little derangement of accentuation.

"Napoo" is another triumphant Gallic graft on the stock of British popular speech. Our troops perceived without delay the admirable effect of finality with which Frenchmen can close a transaction or indicate that a game is up, or a commodity sold out, by saying, through firmly conclusive lips, "Il n'y a plus"—own cousin to the arresting "Rien ne va plus" of the croupier at roulette. In the trimmed and condensed form of "Napoo" it enjoys an enormous vogue in our forces, and serves for anything from a description of a beaten army to a synonym for "Pass" at nap; or a sudden lament at the nightly extinction of the electric light in a hospital ward. As an expression of disgust or dismay at an unpleasant surprise or the abrupt completeness of a misadventure, such as the sudden detachment of one wheel of a limber, it has long been a dangerous rival to "That does it!" and "That puts the lid on." Uttered with various intonations and qualities of expression, it has the virtue of some of the classical Greek Particles—all of which the late Andrew Lang once declared to be translatable by various inflections of a single English adjective much used in armies.

Another thriving acquisition is "tud-sweet." It comes, of course, from "tout de suite," and has already been made famous in our comic papers. It was much valued, early in 1916, by English contractors' foremen as a goad wherewith to urge French and Belgian labourers engaged in building huts behind our lines. "Now then, sonnies, tudsweet with them joists," or "Sitha, mon, get on wi't a bit tudsweeter" was a manifest improvement on the original plan of shouting an order in pure English, very loud and very slowly, as though on the assumption that foreignness was a form of deafness. At any rate, it had the degree of efficacy which Voltaire allowed to incantations when he said that "combined with a proper quantity of arsenic, they will kill a whole flock of sheep." "Combined with a proper amount of gesture, and with the will-to-believe, a few tudsweets and compries might be credited with power to wing the sense of the exhortation into the heart of the hearer.

"Souvenir" was English already, and it is chiefly in French mouths that the word has gained a special sub-meaning. It happened in this way. In the first year of the war the dissipation of tinned food by the British armies in France went to wonderful lengths. Men would throw unopened tins of bully beef from troop trains in the exiguous hope of hitting sparrows. Full tins were given away to whoever seemed as if he might like them, and these goods were called by the givers "souvenirs," partly on the analogy of gift shoulder-titles and cap-badges, partly through native British disinclination to avow any motive so presentable as downright charity. The French poor near the seat of war perceived that the British soldier was a kind of widow's cruse, or a perpetually fruitful vine, on legs, with its upper branches laden with corned-beef and jam, for all to pluck who would. They plucked and ate till the Secretary for War, or some lion under that Solomon's throne, began to growl at what he regarded as waste. The miraculous fall of manna and quails, on the larger scale, came to an end. But the hungriest of the little French boys and girls did not acquiesce. Girt with capacious bags they would make the round of our men's rest billets, soliciting "Souvenir jame" and "Souvenir boulie," the word "souvenir" having now lost all the special meaning that it had had, and gained instead the meening of gratuitous," or even of "due" for some of these babes, on being refused, would frankly address you in the terms merited by a barren fig-tree.

The genius of slang never tires of seeking novel forms of greeting. One which may have a future in England is "Sammash." It comes from the interrogative French "Camarche?" and is a fair specimen of pure phonetic mimicry as distinct from phonetic mimicry qualified by attempted assimilation to existing words in the assimilator's own language. It is the difference between the conversion of the French *assiette* into the Scottish "ashet" and the conversion of the French "petits gateaux" into the English "petticoat tails," a name still applied to a sort of confectionery. The British soldier always applied the second method, if possible, to names of places; so Reninghelst became Running-house, and Godewaersvelde became Gertie-wears-velvet, and Ploegsteert became Plug-street, and Hallebast Hell-blast.

Far the greater number of our officers and men, finding they could get on without knowing French, made no effort to learn it. "French is easy enough," one man said to a friend; "all you want to know is 'Bong swore, mam'selle,' and 'Prom'nade avec moy.'" Scotsmen learnt more than English, and Canadians more than Scotsmen. Naturally, mess sergeants and others who had to do much business with the natives behind the lines learnt more than the average combatant. Almost every car and lorry driver picked up enough to cast back a withering "A droite, Monsieur, a droite!" to any French driver who had been slow in letting him pass. There were some great linguists. One of the English privates in charge of a prisoners' cage near Passchendaele last autumn could speak not only good German but three or four German dialects, keeping up a continuous rattle of chaff with Silesians, Poles, and other groups of prisoners. I asked how he had learnt it all, and he said it had been by assisting his father, who was foreman at a factory in East London where every kind of alien immigrant had been employed. An Australian sergeant, who had spent four years at the school of technology at Charlottenburg, could discuss the minutiæ of almost any technical military subject with German specialists in it. Perhaps our troops may find German easier than French, and extend their average knowledge of it beyond Kamerad and Kaput, where it stood at the end of 1918. They may certainly be said to have done better in their struggles with the enemy of France than with her language.

DOCTORS AND INFLUENZA.

CONTROL OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

THE USE OF ALCOHOL.

Sir Malcolm Morris, presiding at a Conference in London on influenza and its prevention, said there was an enormous difference of opinion, and light and leading were wanted on certain points. He did not see how climate had much to do with it and if it was a crowd disease why did it attack individuals on isolated farms. Then with regard to alcohol. Was the cry for more spirits right? His opinion was that alcohol was not essential. The Local Government Board recommendations presumably condemned excessive alcoholism, but said nothing about moderation. The gargling solution recommended was a horrible one.

Sir St. Clair Thomson said it was almost certain that infection was carried through the air passages. Disease was splashed upon them by people laughing, coughing, and sneezing within a distance of ten feet. People known to have influenza should be isolated and wear veils. People coughing in public without putting up their hands or sneezing without using a handkerchief should be prosecuted for indecency.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board, said they were groping in the dark for want of a better research movement in this country. They could only adopt the educational methods suggested. Further disciplinary action might be necessary to control individual liberty.

Dr. Carnegie Dickson said that in crowds it was condition and not numbers that mattered. The important point was that a person acutely affected was not an ordinary carrier.

Dr. Hector Mackenzie recommended good food and fresh air. A patriotic abstinence from food might have had its after effects. Physical vigour was invaluable. The State ought to be better prepared for epidemics.

Dr. Murray Leslie said that everyone should start the day with a good breakfast and a brisk walk.

Dr. Kirkhope, medical officer, Tottenham, said that influenza was not one disease but a combination of many. He did not know what use notification was going to be. The results of hospital treatment has been appalling, because aggregations of large numbers of sick persons depressed them and reduced the chances. Alcohol stimulated the vital activities, and he would continue to use it.

ARRIVALS.

April 22.

YOKOHAMA MARU, Jap., 3,785 tons from Singapore. Capt. K. Okamato N.Y.K., Wharf.

TYNDARIUS, Brit., 7,171 tons, from Singapore, Capt. G. L. Stout, B. & S., Holts wharf.

KWONG SAI, Brit., 447 tons, from Canton, Capt. J. Acock, Shin On Co., Wharf.

CHOYSANG, Brit, 1,427 tons, from Canton, Capt. Bichand, J.M. & Co., C37.

HONG BEE, Brit, 2,056 tons, from Swatow, Capt. L. V. Van Ezdon, Sen Soon Hong, Taikoo Dock.

KANCHOW, Brit., 1,222 tons, from Swatow, Capt. D. H. Martin, B. & S., Taikoo Dock.

CARNARVONSHIRE, Brit., 5,955 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. H. L. Brukt, J.M. & Co., A28.

KUEICHOW, Brit., 1,220 tons, from Chefoo, Capt. Cole, B. & S., C36.

CHUENCHOW, Brit., 297 tons, from Macao, Capt. Jones, C.O. S.S. Co., Wharf.

SOSHU MARU, Jap., 1,006 tons, from Canton, Capt. Inoye, O.S.K., Wharf.

KWANG LEE, Chi., 1,468 tons, from Canton, Capt. Sangster, C.M.S.N. Co., Wharf.

HEUNGSHAN, Brit., 954 tons, from Canton, Capt. Crispin, S.B. Co., Wharf.

MIKUNI MARU, Jap., 574 tons, from Canton, Capt. Kwaguchi, Suzuki & Co., C18.

METHVEN, Brit., 2,042 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. H. Lewis, C.P.O.S. Co., Kowloon Dock.

PROMETHEUS, Norw., 1,024 tons, from Yangtze, Capt. B. J. Orialler, Thoresen & Co., Taikoo Dock.

ILHA VERDE, Port., 162 tons, from Macao, Capt. d'Assumpcao, Cement & Co., Hok Un.

KWONG YING, Chi., 407 tons, from Wuchow, Capt. M. Grehue, Wharf.

CHUNG ON, Chi., 537 tons, from Wuchow, Capt. D. Brath, Lai Hing Co., Wharf.

SULTAN VAN LANGKAT, Dutch, 2,293 tons, from Takatoyo, Capt. Bowe, A. P. Co., Kowloon Dock.

SHUN SHING, Chi., 297 tons, from Macao, Capt. C. Place, Po On Co., Wharf.

SUI TAI, Brit., 760 tons, from Macao, Capt. Valentine, S.B. Co., Wharf.

April 23.

SUI AN, Brit., 760 tons, from Macao, Capt. Birss, S.B. Co., Wharf.

CEEF, Chi., 283 tons, from Wuchow, Capt. Wong Chiu, On Yick, Wharf.

HOI MING, Brit., 380 tons, from Kongmoon, Capt. J. Wilson, On Yick, Wharf.

SUN TAK, Port., 1,145 tons, from Hong Koche, Capt. Carneiro, Tung Hing Co., Yaumati anchorage.

SELLING POISONS.

MANAGEMENT OF COLONIAL DISPENSARY CHARGED.

Before Mr. G. N. Orme this afternoon Tong Hok Ling, an employee in the Colonial Dispensary, was charged with selling poison on four counts:

1. Being in possession of a certain poison to wit corrosive sublimate.
2. Possession of a certain poison to wit arsenic.
3. Selling a certain poison to wit arsenic to one Sergeant Mason.
4. Selling a certain poison to wit corrosive sublimate to one Sergeant Peplow.

The management of the Colonial Dispensary, better known as Colin Mackenzie & Co., were also charged with:

1. Keeping open a shop for retailing dispensing and compounding poisons, contrary to the provisions under Sections 8 and 10 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance.
2. Selling a certain poison to wit corrosive sublimate to one Harry Peplow.
3. Selling a certain poison to wit arsenic to one A. Mason.
4. Selling a certain poison contained under part of schedule A to the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance of 1916 to wit corrosive sublimate to one Harry Peplow.
5. Selling a certain poison contained under part of schedule A of the Ordinance, to wit arsenic to one A. Mason.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Mr. Hall, of Messrs. Lo and Lo) appeared for the defence and Mr. G. H. Wakeman (Crown Solicitor) for the prosecution.

The case was proceeding.

CANTON ADVERSARIA.

The *manes* of the 72 revolutionary heroes who died when Canton rebelled in 1911 are to be honoured on April 29, by a huge memorial service. The day is ordered to be observed as a public holiday.

Canton is about to issue new revenue stamps.

Wuchow is inundated.

Labour Day (May 1) is to be honoured at Canton.

Li Lu-keng is starting a daily paper at Canton.

The new China is certainly interesting. Canton has a Socialist Party, and that party has opened a trade school for boys and girls. It is preparing for propaganda work in the interior.

A fatal case of *beri-beri* occurred at Canton on April 20.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"After Truth."—As you didn't follow the rule and enclose your name, we cannot publish your letter. You ought to know the difference between being "pro-justice" and "pro-Japanese." As a matter of fact, the writer of the article you denounce as "pro Japanese" has a grudge against the Japanese, and certainly does not love them; but he happens to have a passionate affection for truth and justice. The questions in the second part of your letter are silly.

PINKIE AND THE FAIRIES.

The sum of $2,410.55 has been handed to the Treasurer of the War Memorial Fund from the proceeds of this Production by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club—comprised of the gross takings of the first performance $1,216.00 and the net result of the sales of programmes throughout the ten performances $1,194.55.

To-day's shipping arrivals in harbour include: *Wo Sang, Suiyang, Taloutsi, Elvira Stoll, Esang, Nanyo Maru No. 2, Chefoo.*

Last week's communicable disease was plague, 18 cases, diphtheria one, enteric two, smallpox three, and cerebro-spinal fever 14.

CLEARANCES.

April 23.

YUNG SHIN, Chi., 8 a.m., for Saigon, Chap Cheong.

ECUAD E, Amer., noon, for San Francisco via Shanghai, P.M.S.S. Co.

SHIN PING, Chi., daylight, for Kebuo, Senu Peh S.S. Co.

KWAI SANG, Brit., 9 a.m., for Calcutta via Singapore, J.M. & Co.

TELEMON, Brit., 2 p.m., for Liverpool via Singapore, B. & S.

SHUN CHEONG, Chi., 7 a.m., for K.O. Waw via Macao, Wo Hing.

MERCURY, Amer., noon, for Manila, Gibb, Livingston.

KWAI WAH, Chi., 7 a.m., for Tourane, Wai Hing.

WING PING, Chi., 9 a.m., for Trial Trip to Chik Wan and return, Shun Lee S.S. Co.

NAM WO, Chi., 7.30 a.m., for Canton, Kwong Hing.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 22d. 12h. 18m.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostock. Pressure has increased slightly to moderately at all reporting stations. A weak anticyclone developed over the Yangtse Valley yesterday and is now moving eastward.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 8.39 inches, against an average of 10.04 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 24th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. winds, fresh; cloudy, some drizzling rain.

2.—Formosa Channel. N. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

APRIL 23, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour:	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Wind Weather.
Vl'divostock	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishi'jima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	6 a.	29.81	50	45	SE	1	b
Hankow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	30.09	48	97	S	1	b
Gutzlaff	"	30.13	52	73	SW	1	b
Sharp Pk.	7 a.	29.99	58	88	N	6	b
Amoy	6 a.	30.00	62	90	ENE	2	o
Swatow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	5 a.	29.99	61	93	E	6	r
Taichu	"	—	66	—	N	1	o
Tainan	"	29.83	73	—	ENE	2	o
Koshun	"	29.88	75	—	E	4	o
Pescadores	"	29.91	70	—	E	2	c
Canton	6 a.	29.95	64	84	W	2	c
Hongkong	"	29.91	70	83	—	0	c
Cap Rock	"	29.87	—	—	NE	4	c
Macao	"	29.89	66	81	NNW	4	b
Wuchow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	29.92	72	75	NE	2	c
Tourane	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	"	29.82	81	—	E	2	b
Aparri	6 a.	29.91	77	88	—	0	b
Dagupan	"	29.87	77	86	SE	1	b
Manila	"	29.91	72	84	—	0	b
Legaspi	"	29.91	79	87	NE	1	b
Tacloban	"	29.89	75	98	NW	2	b
Iloi'o	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surigao	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guam	4.30	—	—	—	—	—	—
Labuan	6 a.	29.83	80	91	SW	6	b

C. W. JEFFREYS, *Chief Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, April 23, 1919.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squal, r rain, s snow t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wet.
7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 8 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.76	29.91	29.94
Temperature	84	70	70
Humidity	73	83	85
Direction of Wind	SW.	CALM	E
Force	4	0	4
Weather	oc	o	o
Rain	0.03	0.00	0.04

Highest: open air Temperature on the 22nd—84
Lowest open air Temperature on the 23rd —69

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*
Hongkong Observatory, April 23, 1919.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1903-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

April 24 to 30, 1919.

			High Water		Low Water	
			Hongkong Mean Time.	Height	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height
			h m	feet	h m	feet
Thurs.	24	Mo	interior	high	sor low	water
Fri.	25	m	3 40 a	4.8	11 14 a.	1.0
Sat.	26	m	6 3 a	4.8	m 10 57	2.8
Sun.	27	m	8 1 a	5.0		
Mon.	28	m	6 28 a	5.1	m 0 41	1.6
Tues.	29	m	6 14 a	5.0	0 13 a	2.1
			7 18 a	5.0	m 1 1	1.5
			7 53	5.0	1 13 a	1.5
			8 15 a	5.0	1 39 a	1.9
			8 9	5.0	m 2 10	2.1
			9 11 a	5.1	2 53 a	1.3
			9 46	5.1	m 3 16	1.3
			10 9 a	5.2	3 46 a	0.6

RUBBER REPORTS.

RAUB RUBBER.

CAPITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT.

The third ordinary general meeting of the Raub Rubber Estates, Ltd., was held on Feb. 18 at the offices of the company, 86, Cannon-street, E. C., Mr. J. Durie Pattullo (the Chairman) presiding.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—With regard to the accounts, if you will turn to the profit and loss account you will find that the sales and the value of the stock on hand at 30th June last amounted to £10,564 9s. 8d. The output for the year was 141,684 lbs. compared with an output of 138,295 lbs. for the previous year. The net average price realised was 1s. 5.90d. per lb. or within a decimal of 1s. 6d. per lb, This compares with 2s. 4d. per lb. realised in the previous year. The loss of £250 6s. 9d. is carried to the appropriation account and is more than met by the balance brought forward from the last account, so that our profit and loss account in the present balance-sheet still shows a credit balance of £294 4s. 3d. We shall be able, so far as we can see at present, to recover a fairly substantial sum from the Inland Revenue in respect of our assessment for excess profits duty.

At present the capital expenditure on the 590 acres cultivated is less than £40 per acre, exclusive of the other land we hold, amounting to 2,180 acres. This compares very favourably with other companies.

The formation of the company over three years ago provided a working capital of £3,000, which was a very small sum for estates the dimension of ours, and with so much reclamation to be done. We invited you last year to lend £7,500, to be satisfied by the issue of shares when the regulations of the Treasury would permit, six months after peace is declared. That issue was largely over-subscribed. It will be necessary to increase the capital of the company, for which permission will have to be obtained, and after permission has been granted we will call you together to ask you to pass a resolution sanction the increase in the capital and the issue of shares.

The report and accounts were adopted.

RANTAU RUBBER CO., LTD.,

The second annual general meeting of the Rantau Rubber Company, Limited, was held in the registered office of the company, Downing Street, Penang, yesterday afternoon. Mr. F. Duxbury presided, and the others present were Messrs. A. F. Goodrich and A.E. Keymer (Directors) and Mr. A. Lindley (representing the Secretaries, Messrs. Kennedy and Co.)

The Chairman said the report and accounts had been in the hands of the share-holders for the required period, and he would take them as read. They were fairly complete, and there was not much to add. The year under review had been a fairly strenuous one. During the period the price of rubber had been lower than it had ever been, in fact, at one time it was so low that the directors thought it advisable to stop tapping operations to conserve the remaining capital. However, tapping was resumed shortly after the board had taken that action. Although the company had not had a very good year, the nett profit for the year amounted to $4,440.83, and it was proposed to carrying forward this profit to the current year. During the year 62,650 lbs. were obtained, against an estimate of 64,800. Against this, there had been a large saving in working costs. The estimate of 47,500 lbs. for the current year was a conservative one. The company was in a sound position. They had $15,000 in the Bank on fixed deposit, and the capital was ample to bring the immature area into the bearing stage. The prospects for the present year were good, although not brilliant. The directors would in due course consider the advisability of declaring an interim dividend.

The report and accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. E. Keymer.

The sum of $750 was voted as directors' fees.

Messrs. Brown, Phillips and Stewart were re-elected auditors.

Mr. F. Duxbury was re-elected to the Board of Directors.

TAPAH RUBBER.

The report of Tapah Rubber Co., shows a profit of $45,991, against $125,216. A dividend of 5 per cent. is recommended, carrying forward £27,968. The all-in cost was 12¾ pence, one penny less than last year.

MALAKOFF RUBBER.

At the annual meeting of Malakoff Rubber Company, Ltd., the Chairman said the factory facilities were now equal to dealing with the maximum output, including any small extensions. The Board had resumed full tapping in June. The estimate was 550,000 lbs. Good forward sales had been made. He said the dividend of 10 per cent. was a conservative one, but it was thought advisable to keep a good cash balance.

The Imprisoned Laughter of the Peasant Girls of France.



REIDS' LIMITED, IMPORTERS
OBTAINABLE AT
GANDE, PRICE & Co., Ltd. Agents.
HONGKONG.
AND ALL HOTELS, CAFES AND STORES.

SOMETHING NEW.

WISEMAN'S TEA.

Our own packing and blending from the Choicest Ceylon and China Teas.

Try It

1-lb. tins - - - - 80 cents.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 23rd APRIL, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS.
Hongkong Banks, ...$685 b., 685 sa.

MARINE INSURANCES.
Canton Ins. $ 450 n.
North China Ins. ... T. 200 b.
Union Ins. $1080 b.
Yangtsze Ins. $235 b.
Far Easterns T. 28 b.

FIRE INSURANCES.
China Fire Ins. $167 s.
Hongkong Fire Ins. ... $330 n.

SHIPPING.
Douglases 93 b.
H.K. Steamboats $23½ b., 23/23½ sa.
Indo-Chinese (Pref.)... ... $32 b.
Do. (Def.) $158 s.
Shell Transports 165/- b.
Star Ferries $33 b.

REFINERIES.
China Sugars $149 b., 149/5/9 sa.
Malabon Sugars $38 b.

MINING.
Kailan Mining Adm. ... 80/- n.
Langkats...
Shanughai Loans ... T 22 s.
Shai Explorations ...
Raubs... $2½ b.
Tronoh Mines... 40/- b.
Ural Caspians 40/- s.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.
H. & K. Wharfs $126 s.
H. & W. Docks $155 s.
Shai Docks... T 127 b.
New Engineerings T. 25 n.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.
Central Estates $107 b.
Hongkong Hotels $100 n.
Hongkong Lands $106½ b., 107 sa.
Humphreys $7.85 b.
Kowloon Lands $36 b.
Land Reclamations ... $. 175 n.
West Points $69 b.

COTTON MILLS.
Ewo Cottons T 242½ b.
Kung Yiks T 34 b., 34 sa.
Laou Kung Mows ... T 170 n.
Orientals T77 b.
Shanghai Cottons T 176 b.
Yangtszepoos T 12.90 n.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Cements $7½ b., 7.60 sa.
China-Borneos... $13.20 n.
China Lights ... $6½ b. cum rights
China-Providents ... $7.60/50 sa.
Dairy Farms, ... $30 b.
H.K. Electrics $79 s.
Macau Do. $324 n.
Hongkong Ropes $30 b.
H.K. Tramways $7.60 n.
Peak Tramways (Old) ... $7.60 b.
do. (New) ... $.75 b.
Steam Laundries $3½ b.
H.K. Steel Foundries... ... $12 n.
Water-boats $134 n.
Watsons $6½ n.
Powells $11½ b.
Wisemans... $27 b.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, April 22, 1919.

On London—
Bank, Wire —3/4
" On demand, ... —3/4⅛
" 30 days' sight ... —3/4⅛
" 4 months' sight, ... —3/4⅛
Credits, 4 months' sight, —6/5½
Documentary, 4 months' sight 3/5½

On Paris—
On demand, ... —488½
Credits, 4 months' sight, ... 485½

On New York—
On demand, ... 78½
Credits, 60 days' sight, ... 80½

On Bombay—
Wire, ... nom.
On demand, ...

On Calcutta—
Wire, ... nom.
On demand...

On Singapore—
On demand, ... 142½

On Manila—
On demand, ... 160½

On Shanghai—
On demand nom.
20 days' sight (private paper)...

On Yokohama—
On demand, ... 151½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)... 41.40
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) $ 5.90 n.
Silver (per oz.) 48⅛
Bar Silver in Hongkong ...25 % pm. n.
Chinese Copper Cash 3 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents... ...
Rate of Native Interest ... 7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 5½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin par.

AGENTS.

LONDON:—WILLIAM SLATER, *42 Great Russell Street*, W.C., F. ALGAR, *11 & 12 Clement's Lane, Lombard Street*, E.C., T. B. BROWNE & Co., Ltd., *163 Queen's Road, Victoria St.*, CLARKE, SON & PLATT, *85 Gracechurch St.* E.C., G. STREET & Co., Ltd., *30 Cornhill*, GORDON & GOTCH, *15 St. Bride St.*, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, *150 Fleet Street*, C. MITCHELL & Co., *Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct*, E.C., D. J. KEYMER & Co., *3 Whitefriars St.*, E.C., MATHER & CROWTHER, Ltd., *10, 11, 12, New Bridge St.*, E.C.

SCOTLAND:—FRED. L. SIMONT, *8 North St. David Street, Edinburgh.*

PARIS AND EUROPE, MAYENCE FRERE & Co., *18 Rue de la Grange, Bateli, Paris.*

NEW YORK:—T. B. BROWNE, Ltd., *Æolian Hall, West 42nd Street*, New York City.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BEAN & BLACK, *San Francisco.*

FOOCHOW:—BROCKET & Co.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, *Melbourne and Sydney.*

CEYLON:—W. M. SMITH & Co., THE APOTHECARIES Co., *Colombo.*

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.:—KELLY & WALSH, LTD., *Singapore.*

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:—A. S. WATSON & Co., *Manila.*

SHANGHAI:—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH LTD.

JAPAN:—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD., *Kobe and Yokohama.*

CANTON:—W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.

THE CHINA MAIL,
5, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

INTIMATIONS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 p.m., 9.00 p.m., 9.20 p.m.,
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Every 30 minutes
11.45 p.m.

SATURDAYS.

EXTRA CAR—12 midnight.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every 15 minutes
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 noon Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m ...Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time tables, but not for special cars, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. No Season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheque or Compradore order representing Bank Notes.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

ASAHI BEER



SOLE AGENTS
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

BANK.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

華商銀行有限公司

HEAD OFFICE
13, Queen's Road, Central,
Chairman of Board of Directors,
LAU SIU CHUEN, Esq.

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.
The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

LIU HOAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 9, 1919.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up ... $1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandize.
Loans made on the Provident System.
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c. Undertaken and Executed.
(Rate and Particulars on application)
To the Office of
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No. 1
THERAPION No. 2
THERAPION No. 3
No. 1 for Bladder Catarrh. No. 2 for Blood & Skin Diseases. No. 3 for Certain Weaknesses.
SOLD EVERYWHERE. CHEMISTS, FREE IN ENGLAND. 3s.
DR. L. ROUSSEL 26, Mortimer St., W. London.
SEE TRADE MARKED WORD "THERAPION" IN THE BRIT. GOVT. STAMP AFFIXED TO GENUINE PACKETS.

BANKS.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.
ESTABLISHED 1912.

Paid-up Capital $2,000,000
Reserves and Undivided Profits 500,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 Months 3% per annum.
" 6 Months 4% per annum.
For 12 Months 4½% per annum.

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 10, 1919.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2 Queen's Road Central.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $2,000,000.

DIRECTORS:
Mr. Pong Wai Ting,—Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Kan Ying Po,
Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Chan Kai Ming,
Mr. Mok Ching Kong, Mr. Fung Ping Shan,
Mr. Wong Yun Tong, Mr. P. K. Kwok,
Mr. Chan Ching Shek, Mr. Ng Chang Lak.
CHIEF MANAGER.....Kan Tong Po.
ASST. MANAGER Li Tse Fong.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loan granted on approval securities.
Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of TWO per cent. per annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

GOVERNMENT BANK.

中國銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 22nd November, 1917).

Authorised Capital$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 12,279,800.00
Reserve Funds..... 3,197,400.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

BRANCHES AND SUB-BRANCHES:
PEKING: Baiting, Tungchow. NORTH: Miyun, Chobsien, Pahsien, Ninlansan, Hsuanhua. CHIHLI: Tientsin, Paotingfu, Lutai, Tsinhaisien, Sangfang, Shuntehfu, Tangshan, Taming, Cholubsien, Weisien. MANCHURIA: Changchun, Moukden, Kirin, Tsitsihar, Newchang, Liaoyuanchow, Hsiao, Hsinmingfu, Taonanfu, Harbin, Dalny, Antung, Tiehling, Chinghsien, Sifeng, Hulan, Suiwafu, Hailunfu, Ninguta, Kungchuling, Liaoyang Fuyu, Yenchi, Kaipingsien. HUPEH: Hankow, Shasi, Tchang. HUNAN: Changsha. KIANGSU: Shanghai, Nanking, Soochow, Yangchow, Chingkiang, Wusih, Hsuchowfu, Tungchow. SOUTH: Tsinkiangpo. SHANTUNG: Tsinan, Tsingtao, Chefoo, Tenghsien, Lintsinhsien. SHANSI: Taiyuanfu, Yunsheng, Sinkianhsien, Tatungfu. HONAN: Kaifeng, Chowkiakow, Hsuhsien. KWANGTUNG: Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, Kiungchow. FUKIEN: Foochow, Amoy, Hankong, Chuanchowfu, Changchowfu, Santuao. CHEKIANG: Hanchow, Shaohsing, Huchowfu, Kashing, Wenchow, Ninkpo, Lanchi, Yuyan, Haimen. KIANGSI: Nanchang, Kiukiang, Kanchowfu, Chintehchen, Chian. ANWHEI: Wuhu, Anking, Pangfow, Luchowfu, Tatung, Tungki, Luan. SZECHUEN: KUEICHOW: Wweiyangfu. SHANSI: Sianfu, Hanchunfu. SUIYUAN: Kweihwating Paotowchen. TSAHAR: Kalgan Fengchen, URGA: Urga, Hakiatao.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed Deposits. Terms on application. Every description of Banking Business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for home exchange.

TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.,
(TAIWAN GINKO).

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER, 1899.

Capital Subscribed... Yen 30,000,000.
Capital (Paid-up) ,, 27,500,000.
Reserve Funds ,, 6,580,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, OSAKA, MOJI.
FORMOSA—GIRAN, KAGI, KARENKO, KEELUNG, PINAN, SHINCHIKU, MAKUNG, TAICHU, TAINAN, TAKOW, TAMSUI, TOKYEN, AKO.
CHINA—SHANGHAI, HANKOW, KIUKIANG, AMOY, FOOCHOW, SWATOW, CANTON.
OTHERS—HONGKONG, BANGKOK, SINGAPORE, SOERABAJA, SEMARANG, BATAVIA, BOMBAY, LONDON, NEW YORK.

LONDON BANKERS:
CAPITAL AND COUNTIES BANK, LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN BANK.
PARR'S BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Chosen, Japan, Indo-China Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

NAOKICHI YANAGITA,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
2, Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, March 31, 1919.

BANKS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—
Sterling £1,500,000@2/-=$15,000,000
Silver $1,000,000
$30,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS $15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
J. A. Plummer, Esq.,—Chairman.
E. V. D. Parr, Esq.,—Deputy Chairman.
A. H. Compton, Esq. | Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak,
Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, | Hon. Mr. D. Landale,
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER
Hongkong—N. J. STABB, Esq.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—A. G. STEPHEN, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY & WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance
On FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 1½ per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 12 " 4 " "

N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1919.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ PER CENT per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong May 14, 1916. 517

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK).

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Francs 75,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL ,, 37,500,000
(1/3 of the Capital, *i.e.*, Francs 25,000,000 subscribed by the Government of the Chinese Republic).

Chairman of the Board of Directors.....André Berthelot.
General Manager.....A. J. Perrotte.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.
BRANCHES:
PEKING,
SHANGHAI, SAIGON,
TIENTSIN, HAIPHONG,
HONGKONG, YUNNANFU,
HANOI, VLADIVOSTOCK,
CANTON, FOOCHOW.

BANKERS:
In FRANCE: Société Générale pour favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
In LONDON: The London County Westminster & Parr's Bank, Ltd. The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.
In NEW YORK: Redmond & Co.
Correspondents in the chief commercial centres of the World.

Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Special facilities for French exchange.

M. ROUET DE JOURNEL
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
Queen's Buildings,
5, Chater Road. Tel. 2440

Hongkong, March 31, 1919.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1874.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £ 100,000,000 = ($48,333,333)
PAID-UP CAPITAL £ 70,000,000 = ($35,833,333)
RESERVE FUND £ 12,760,286 = ($1,062,275)

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
Branches at
The Hague Rotterdam
HEAD AGENCY—BATAVIA.
Branches at
BANDJARMASIN, RANGOON,
BANDOENG, SAMARANG,
CHERIBON, SHANGHAI,
DJEMBER, SINGAPORE,
DJOKJAKARTA, SOERABAIJ,
KOTA RADJA, SOERAKARTA (Solo)
MAKASSAR, LANGSA,
MEDAN, TEGAL, TEGAL (Dell)
PADANG, TELUK BETONG,
PALEMBANG, TJILACAP,
PEKALONGAN, WELTEVREDEN.
PENANG,
POERWAKARTA,

Correspondents at Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents, in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

J. F. VAN REES,
Manager.

Hongkong, Oct. 30, 1918.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £2,100,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. L. CROCKATT,
Manager.

Hongkong, April ,, 1919.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed 1,500,000
Paid-Up 750,000
Reserved Fund and Rest ... 785,700

BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE LONDON JOINT CITY & MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

Every description of Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. L. SANDES,
Acting Manager.

No. 7 Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, April 10, 1919.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
(FRENCH BANK).

HEAD OFFICE:
15bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.
Capital Frs. 48,000,000
Reserves..... ,, 50,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

BANGKOK	HONGKONG	SAIGON
BATTAMBANG	MONGTZE	SHANGHAI
CANTON	NOUMEA	SINGAPORE
DJIBOUTI	PAKHOI	TIENTSIN
HAIPHONG	PEKING	TOURANE
HANKOW	PNEM-PENH	VLADIVOSTOCK
HANOI	PONDICHERY	

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industrial et Commercial; Societe Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

A. SIRE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, Oct. 19, 1918.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL...YEN 48,000,000 00
PAID UP CAPITAL... ... ,, 45,000,000 00
RESERVE FUND ,, 25,000 000 00

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:

BATAVIA	NEWCHWANG
BOMBAY	NEW YORK
BUENOS AYRES	OSAKA
CALCUTTA	PEKIN
CHANGCHUN	RANGOON
DAIREN (DALNY)	SAN FRANCISCO
FENGTIEN (MUKDEN)	SEATTLE
HANKOW	SHANGHAI
HONOLULU	SHIMONOSEKI
HARBIN	SINGAPORE
KAI YUEN	SOERABAIA
KOBE	SYDNEY
LONDON	TIENTSIN
LOS ANGELES	TOKIO
LYONS	TSINANFU
MANILA	VLADIVOSTOCK
NAGASAKI	TSINGTAU

Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 11, 1919

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.

WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF
THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
AND
THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1914, £23,970,367.

I—Authorised Capital	£6,000,000
Subscribed Capital	4,500,000
Paid-up Capital	£3,437,500
II—Fire Funds.....	3,377,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds...	17,567,590
Sinking Fund Account	128,230
	£23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch.....	£2,331,456
Revenue Life and Annuity Branches	2,141,593
Revenue Marine Department...	337,230
Other Receipts	475,940
	£5,339,226

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the registered office of the Society, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of April, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, when the subjoined resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on the 10th day of April, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions :—

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Society as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £2,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Society of the nominal value of $250 each with the sum of $10.0 paid up thereon be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £10 each with the sterling equivalent of $20 Hongkong currency at the opening T. T. rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 50,000 shares out of the 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely :—

By the insertion after article No. 107 of the following Article.

"107 (a). The Board may employ the funds of the Society which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 107 or any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Society, or otherwise in the business of the Society, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interest of the Society and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets." Employment of reserve funds.

By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 108.

"108a. (1). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting fixes but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 19, 20 and 21 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Society and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend. Bonus may be set off against call.

(2). After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Society for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorizing any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Society providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

(3). It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Articles 107 (a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

108 (b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine." Rate of Exchange for dividends payable in Hongkong.

And the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary resolutions :—

1. That the difference between the sterling equivalent at to-day's opening T.T. rate of exchange of $20 Hongkong currency and the sum of £4 be called up upon each of the 80,000 shares of the Society of the nominal value of £10 each into which the silver shares of the Society have been converted.
2. That a bonus dividend equal in amount to such difference as is referred to in Resolution No. 1 be and the same is hereby declared out of the Reinsurance Fund of the Society, such bonus dividend being payable to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed and that such dividend in the case of each of such persons be set off against the amount due from him for calls under Resolution No. 1 and be retained by the Society accordingly and that the Board be authorised to make the necessary entries in the books of the Society.
3. That 16,000 shares of the capital of the Society be issued additionally to the 80,000 shares referred to in Resolution No. 1 and that the sum of £4 be called up thereon and that such additional shares be offered in the first instance at a premium of £21 per share to the persons who are registered as the shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is passed in the proportion of one additional share for each silver share previously held and upon the footing that the sum of £4 called up plus the £21 (making together £25 per share) shall be paid to the Society on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which such persons are entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined to the 23rd May, 1919, and that the Board be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken up in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Society.
4. That the 16,000 additional shares referred to in Resolution No. 3 participate in all dividends declared after the next Annual General Meeting of the Society pro rata with the 80,000 shares referred to in Resolution No. 1.

Dated the Eleventh day of April, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
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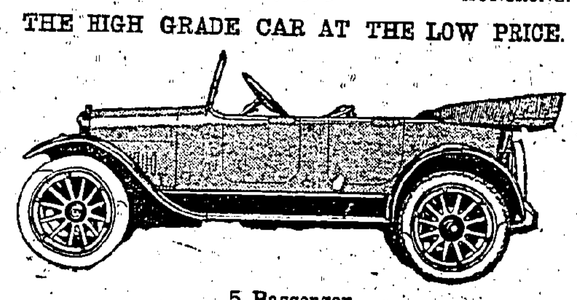
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CANALLINGS.

The following ships passed through Suez to and from Europe :—

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The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

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The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addressees in the provinces of Udine, Vicenza, Trevise Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

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Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

SUNDAY, April 27.
Straits—Per TOBOLSK.

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, April 24.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 8 a.m.
Bangkok—Per CHOFO MARU, 9 a.m.
Philippine Islands, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Islands—Per NIKKO MARU. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUIYANG, 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per BASSANO, 1 p.m.
Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via America—Per TSUYAMA MARU. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 25.
Keelung, Japan via Kobe, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via Canada—Per TYNDARINS. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 26.
Java and Port Moresby via Batavia—Per TJIPANAS, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per CHENAN, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per CHOYSANG, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 27.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per TIENTSIN, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, April 29.
Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 30.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per HUPEH, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, May 5.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via Canada—Per SUWA MARU. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Permia Maru* arrived at Yokohama on the morning of the 18th and sailed from that Port for San Francisco on the 19th April.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's. s.s. *Tobolsk* left Singapore for this Port on the 19th instant at a.m. and is due here on the 27th instant.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 10th April and is due here on or about the 1st May.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Monteagle* left Shanghai on Friday, 11th April and is due at Moji Sunday, April 13th.

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The T.K.K. s.s. *Nippon Maru* arrived at Yokohama April 7 and will sail for San Francisco from that Port April 29.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Aniyo Maru* arrived at Yokohama March 30th, and will sail April 4th for Honolulu and San Francisco en-route to Valparaiso, South America.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Siberia Maru* arrived at Yokohama March 25th, from San Francisco.

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